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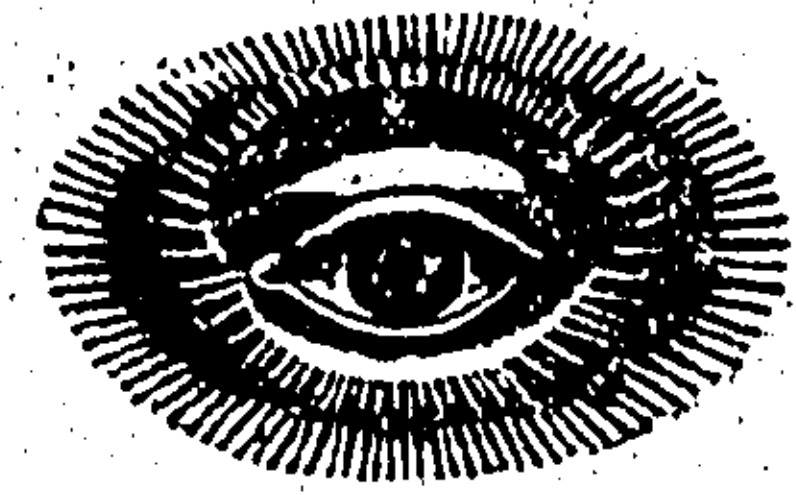
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YANGTZE WAR.

Conflicting Reports on Military Situation.

NORTHERNERS AT CHUCHOW.

Nationalist Forces Make a Halt at Pukow.

UNITED DRIVE IN NORTH ANHUI.

Decidedly conflicting messages have been received about the situation north of the lower course of the Yangtze River. Pro-Nationalist sources hint that the Northerners are still retreating without mentioning where the Nationalists are advancing.

From a usually reliable quarter it is learned that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has gone from Pengpu (in Kiangsu province) to Tsinan-fu (in Shantung) to attend a council of war, and that he is to move more troops into the north of Anhui province.

Previous despatches regarding Nationalist captures on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are described as exaggerated. It is now maintained that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's front lines are still at Chuchow (about twenty-five miles away from the north bank of the Yangtze) and that the Nationalists are marking time in Pukow (on the north bank of the Yangtze) in preference to pushing onwards.

General Chang Tsung-chang of Shantung province is stated to have asked Peking to send reinforcements of troops from the Manchurian provinces of Kirin and Heilungkiang to launch a drive against the north of Anhui province.

WU PEI-FU'S STRENGTH.

Mentioned by Reuter as the scene of the "Christian general's" massacre, Changte (in Honan province) is stated in a Chinese report to be the point on the Peking-Hankow Railway to which troops of the "Christian general" retreated after having been attacked by Fengtien troops from the south of Chihli province.

From Taming, a base of strategic importance, the Chihli force marched about twenty miles due west and entered Linchang where three battalions of the "Christian general's" army were dispersed.

Red Spears' Rising.
The report continues: "The dispersed troops fell back (in a south-westerly direction, for about twenty miles) to Changte. The Red Spears are rising against the 'Christian general'."

A little further north in Chihli province (i.e., nearer Peking), Fengtien troops have advanced westwards to Hantan and Tze-chow. This constitutes a threat against the troops of General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi province who are retreating on Shih-kia-chwang.

Mystery of Borodin.
Shanghai, Yesterday.

M. Borodin and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian general," are reported by a foreign source to be at Loyang (Honan-fu).

General Galeh is thought to be at Hankow.

There are indications that intercourse between the Hankow faction of the Kuomintang and the Third Internationale has not been suspended yet. — "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

[Note: Loyang is on the Lung-Hai Railway, in the north centre of Honan province, south of the Yellow River. The Christian general captured Loyang in May this year and has made it his main base for a drive against the Northerners. It is connected with Hankow by the Peking-Hankow and Lung-Hai Railways.]

Trade Delegation.
Ichang, Yesterday.

General Yang Sen received the foreign Trade delegation which has arrived at Wansien.

The British Senior Naval Officer of the Upper River, the Commercial Vice-Consul and others were received in a friendly spirit but Yang Sen stated that he could do nothing at present with the people, who were still anti-British over the Wansien affair, demonstrations in connection with which were held on its anniversary.

Yang Sen guarantees protection against brigands in his sphere of influence but states that he cannot stop the boycott.

No sampans are allowed to go to ships, no coal is available and the supply of provisions is doubtful.

Yang Sen claims the right of passage for his troops in British steamers, to which other foreign vessels have agreed.

Wu Pei-fu is at Kwai Fu with

a few hundred troops.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Troops have been despatched to Puchi to deal with a Communist outbreak.

Fengtien troops are reported to have occupied Kai Feng.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kaifeng is on the Lung-Hai Railway, south of the Yellow River, in the north centre of Honan province, which is held by troops of the "Christian general," Feng Yu-hsiang, against whom the Fengtien Party of Peking is waging war spasmodically. Further war news from Honan province is given elsewhere in this article.]

Shanghai Conference.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Kuo Min News Agency announces that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Sun Fo, General Tan Yen-kai and members of the Central Executive Committee, also various army commanders, are going to Nanking to-morrow morning, after many conferences at Dr. C. C. Wu's residence as a preliminary to the conference on Sept. 15.

The news agency states that the visit of the Wu-Han leaders to Shanghai was partially successful inasmuch as Tsai Yuan-pei and Li Shih-tsen have already consented to go to Nanking where twenty-four members of the Central Executive Committee are expected to be present.

Postponement Predicted.

Nevertheless there are indications that the conference will be postponed and that the Shanghai, Nanking and Wu-Han sections of the Kuomintang will each appoint six delegates who, with six military officers, will be in conference to endeavour to co-ordinate the conflicting interests.

General Ho Ying-ching is reported to be adopting an attitude tantamount to a refusal to co-operate with the Wu-Han faction. — Reuter.

[Note: Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Sun Fo and General Tan Yen-kai are the acknowledged leaders of the Wu-Han faction. Dr. C. C. Wu is Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government.]

Tsai Yuan-pei and Li Shih-tsen are two of the five politicians who resigned from the Nanking Government in sympathy with General Chiang Kai-shek.

General Ho Ying-ching succeeded Chiang Kai-shek as commander of the 1st Nationalist Army and is considered a Nanking "diehard."

PATHETIC CRY.

Accusations Against Alleged Communists.

More opposition has been displayed against Dr. George Hau Chien (Minister of Justice in the Wu-Han Government), Mr. Chen Kung-po and Mr. Koo Meng-yu by

ANTI-SLAVERY.

British Methods Praised at Geneva.

200,000 RELEASES.

Right Of Slave Owner To Recapture Fugitives.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Discussion of the recent judgment in the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone upholding the right of a slave owner to recapture an escaped slave was raised at the sixth committee of the Assembly.

Sir Edward Hilton Young said the decision disconcertingly surprised the British Government and revealed hiatus in the Legislation of Sierra Leone which needed remedying by urgent measures.

The committee approved the Slavery Convention and congratulated the British representatives on the completeness of their reports as compared with the meagreness of others. The British report showed that 200,000 slaves have been liberated in the past 15 years in territories under British influence. — Reuter.

partisans of the Nanking faction of the Nationalists.

The outcry against these three politicians is based on alleged participation in Communist intrigue.

The latest accusations conclude pathetically: "If any more of the Red element is introduced our Party will be in serious danger."

[Note: Mr. Chen Kung-po has been Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Hankow, being the first to be so appointed when the Nationalists captured the city. Previously, he was one of the leading officials in Canton.]

Types of Methods.

To-day's cables from Shanghai anent the Kuomintang peace conference are somewhat misleading and it will, accordingly, be necessary to wait a few days until the conference is actually sitting. One section of the vernacular press suggests that Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his Wu-Han supporters are confident of success while another section persistently predicts failure for the conference.

In one report, the methods of Mr. Wang Ching-wei are described as "persuasive," those of Mr. Sun Fo being "forceful," and General Tan Yen-kai's policy is said to be "negative" or "passive."

Temptation.

Considerable attention is still focussed on the five politicians who resigned from Nanking when General Chiang Kai-shek retired into private life. It remains to be seen whether they will stand to the last by their chief or whether the fruits of office in the projected coalition ministry will prove too big a temptation for them.

The attitude of each is said to vary—one or two being said to be stubbornly opposed to reconciliation, and others being said to be ready to compromise.

The name of General Hau Shung-chi has been in the limelight. A few years ago, he was commander-in-chief in Canton.

He is one of the conservatives of the Kuomintang right wing and is now surmised to be negotiating with both the Nanking and Wu-Han factions. According to one correspondent, he is desirous of

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LOCAL PIRACY LAW.

Shipping Firms Make Statements.

THE MINORITY REPORT.

Likely Abolition Of Grilles Receives Approval.

Inquiries made by a "China Mail" representative yesterday as to the attitude to be adopted by the leading shipping Companies relative to the proposed amendment of the anti-piracy laws failed to establish anything definite although it appeared to be the unanimous opinion that the abolition of the grilles was a move in the right direction.

The manager of a leading local shipping firm, when approached on the matter, said that until the Government plans relative to searches were more fully disclosed it would be premature to make a statement. In any event the shipping companies would have to get together first and a statement might be made later.

Effective Deterrent.

The manager of another leading shipping firm said that the proposed amendments were wise "in so far as they go." It was satisfactory to note that the Government had pledged itself not to enforce the grille system, for the abolition of which the Minority report had chiefly striven. If the other recommendations of the Minority Report were carried out he was of opinion that the new regulations would prove a far more effective deterrent to piracy.

[The Minority Report was that of the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, and the combined Coast Officers' Guild who withdrew from the Committee appointed by the Government in 1924 and prepared their own report. Summarised briefly, the Report urged that, if Indian guards were withdrawn, grilles removed (except those around the engine room and stokehold entrance, and bridge), an adequate fleet of patrol craft provided and police supervision, both ashore and in the Harbour, materially enforced, there should be little to fear from the possibility of piratical attacks in the future.]

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

Jewellery and clothing worth \$113 was reported stolen from No. 86 Wellington Street last night.

Mrs. Thompson of No. 9 Chatham Road, Kowloon, has reported to the police the theft yesterday, from her bedroom, of a diamond ring worth \$25.

A Chinese living at No. 54 Whitfield attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the harbour near the Yacht Club. He was rescued and removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

According to a report made to the police by the manager of the King Heng Pawnshop of No. 343 Reclamation Street, Yaumatei, a fork of the firm absconded yesterday with a \$100 note which was entrusted to him to change into notes of smaller denomination.

A Chinese who was banished from the Colony for a period of five years, returned within six months of the completion of the term. He was produced before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning and was sentenced to two months' jail. Another Chinese who was banished for 10 years, came back after an absence of only five months. He was stated by the police to be a bad character who had been in jail twice and had previously been twice banished. Mr. Lindell passed sentence of 12 months' jail and 20 strokes of the birch.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 7/16.

FLIGHT TO COLONY.

Shanmei Commander Takes Fright.

BOMB AT SHEKLUNG.

Northern "Red" Invaders Marking Time.

A bomb in Sheklung and the "disappearance" of a Hong Kong steam-launch at Shanmei (not far from Bias Bay) are the principal items in to-day's news from Canton.

Both have a relation to the risings of "Red" forces in different parts of the province.

At the port of Shanmei (which lies between Hong Kong and Swatow), the local commander took fright on the approach of a small armed force which is hostile to the Canton administration and fled to Hong Kong with his staff.

A Chinese steam-launch from Hong Kong was requisitioned, it is stated, to convey the garrison with their arms and equipment to Canton.

Panic Increased.

At Sheklung (on the junction of the Canton-Kowloon Railway with the East River, about forty miles east of Canton), a bomb was thrown one night, fortunately without damage or casualties. Then the panic was increased by the arrival in the city of a handful of troops who were keeping out of the way of an advancing enemy.

Shanmei is on that part of Kwangtung's eastern coast which is now disturbed by bandits and guerillas and trouble is breaking out elsewhere.

Two brigades of infantry are going from Shiu-kwan, on the North River, to Hoyuen in the East River basin.

At Waichow, a strategic city on the East River, a part of the Canton garrison is under suspicion.

Remittances Stopped.

General Wong Shiu-hung, head of the Kwangsi government and an ally of General Li Chai-sun of Canton, has stopped remittances to Gen. Fan Shek-sang, the Yunnanese adventurer who was given command of a Nationalist army corps which is roaming about on the provincial boundary between Kwangtung and Hunan.

General Fan Shek-sang was sponsored by the two Kwang governments some time ago so as to strengthen the northern frontiers against possible attack from Hankow.

The "Red" invader under Generals Yieh Ting and Ho Lung who have entered the north-east of Kwangtung are reported to be marking time at Pingyuen and not making any attempt to advance.

DOGS AND CARS.

QUESTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL TO-MORROW.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard will ask the following questions:

(1) What experience is considered necessary before Police Officers are entrusted with the shooting of dogs, and

(2) What weapons are used.

Hired Car Control.
The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton pursuant to notice will ask the following questions:

Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by—

(a) Fixing a scale of fares, or

(b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.

THE WORLD FLIGHT.

"PRIDE OF DETROIT" LEAVES OMURA.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The "Pride of Detroit" off loaded from Omura at 6.35 a.m. for Kasumigaura. — Reuter.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

Light easterly or variable winds, fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The depression has curved to eastward and is now N.W. of Tokyo. A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Tongking across the Visayas to Yap. Conditions over China are uncertain.

"RED" DANGER.

China Communists Bid For Power.

THE BOURGEOIS.

What Does Mrs. Sun's Visit Portend?

To-morrow the peace conference of the Kuomintang is to open at Nanking.

Anti-Communist elements in the Nationalist Party will make a strenuous effort to save the Party from defeat and the Chinese nation from disgrace, says Mr. George E. Sokolsky in the "North China Daily News."

He says:—

"It will not be surprising to those who have watched the activities of the Communist Party of China to find that they are again active at this moment when the Kuomintang seems to be on the verge of union and when the Nationalist armies are meeting with some success."

"It has always been their tactics to desert the Kuomintang when failure was in the offing and to return at the moment of success."

Bury Again.

"They never supported the Nanking Government because they believed that it was doomed to failure; they deserted Hankow when it looked as though that Government could not survive. Now that there is possibility that all elements in the Kuomintang will reunite and that the various Nationalist régimes will be joined together into one Government, the Communists are busy inside and outside the Party, seeking to gain a large, if not preponderant, voice in its affairs."

Communist Objectives.

Mr. Sokolsky suggests that the Communist invasion of Kwangtung province has for its main object the cutting off of Nanking from Canton, the traditional revolutionary base.

At Moscow, the Chinese Communists are rapidly gathering under the leadership of Mrs. Sun Yat-sen, Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. Teng Jan-dah and Mr. Chen Tushui.

.... Moscow is now becoming the headquarters of the Chinese Communists and from that place, they will direct all their activities in China.

Why Go to Moscow?

It is becoming increasingly more clear who the Chinese Communists are. For instance, it had been assumed in the past that Mrs. Sun Yat-sen and Mr. Eugene Chen were not Communists, but the mere fact that they unnecessarily took refuge in Moscow at a time when they might easily have remained in Nanking, indicates beyond a shadow of doubt where their affections lie.

The conduct of Mrs. Sun Yat-sen is particularly resented by Kuomintang leaders who feel that she is boldly attacking the Kuomintang in the interests of Communism, whereas when she made her pronouncements, it was believed that she was opposed not to civilian Government under the Kuomintang but to militarism.

Semi-Communists in Nanking.

Nanking is being over-crowded by semi-Communists, by the men who were responsible for all the strength which the Communists developed in Canton and Hankow.

.... Why are so many members of Mrs. Sun Yat-sen's party seeking office in the new Government which is to be established at Nanking? Have they repudiated her altogether or are they acting as her agents? These are questions which cannot be ignored, and are not being ignored by Chinese.

The Communist Party of China is reorganising, is preparing to grapple with what they call the bourgeois nationalistic reaction of Nanking.

One Saving Grace.

This will undoubtedly be the major political struggle for some time to come, but it has one saving grace and that is that the anti-Communist elements within the Kuomintang and among the

PROMPT POLICE.

Two Armed Robbers Captured.

A WOMAN STABBED.

Constable Shoots Fleeing Chinese.

Two armed Chinese attempted to commit a robbery in Shamshui-po last night. A plucky resistance was put up by the would-be victim and his wife which resulted in the latter being stabbed by one of the robbers. In attempting to make their get away, one of the robbers was shot at and wounded by a Chinese constable.

The house attacked by the robbers was No. 185 Lai-chikok Road, occupied by a shop-keeper named Wong Lin-kee, who used the front half of the ground floor as his shop, and slept in the rear portion. The shop was closed at 9 p.m. last night and a few minutes later Wong and his wife retired to sleep. About 10 o'clock, Wong was awakened by someone holding him by the throat, and another man, he perceived, was treating his wife in a similar manner. Neither of the intruders spoke a word.

Wong said to the man who was holding him: "If it is money that you want, I will give it to you," but the man made no reply and continued gripping Wong's throat. Then followed a terrific struggle between Wong and his assailant which lasted half an hour.

Wife Stabbed.

In the meantime his wife also struggled with the man who was tackling her. Then the wife called out "Save life" and she was promptly stabbed by the robber. Wong also called for help, and simultaneously a police whistle was blown outside the house.

This scared the robbers who immediately released their holds on their victims, and without waiting to steal anything, made a dash for the back door, where one of them was shot down by a Chinese constable.

It was learned after the affair that the alarm raised by Wong and his wife was heard by Chinese constable C314 who happened to be passing the house at the time. He promptly blew his whistle and this brought Chinese constable C462 to the scene.

Police Rush.

The constables held a hurried consultation and it was decided that while C462 guarded the front door, C314 should dash round to the back entrance. As C314 arrived at the back door, one of the robbers dashed out of the house. The constable promptly challenged him, but brushing the constable aside, the robber made a dash for liberty. Drawing his revolver, C314 warned the fugitive that he would fire if he did not stop. The robber took no notice and ran on. C314 then fired his revolver, and the robber was brought down, shot through the thigh. He was taken back to the shop where he was kept a prisoner until the ambulance arrived, when he was removed to the hospital together with Wong's wounded wife.

The question as to where the other robber had gone to proved to be quite a problem. Wong, who guarded the back door after C314 went after the wounded robber, was certain that the second man did not go out of the house that way. C462 who was guarding the front door was equally positive that the man did not get out his way. A search of the house was then started, and after a long hunt, when the searchers were about to give up, their quarry was found concealed in a dark corner of the cockpit behind some "junk." He was unceremoniously dragged out and marched to the police station.

Chinese people will not have time to be lulled into passiveness to aggression. The anti-Communists are in a fighting mood, for they feel that the Nanking Conference is an exceptional opportunity to save the Party from defeat and the nation from disgrace and if the Communists and their semi-Communist agents ruin this Conference, it will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the sole aim of the Communists is to produce confusion in China.

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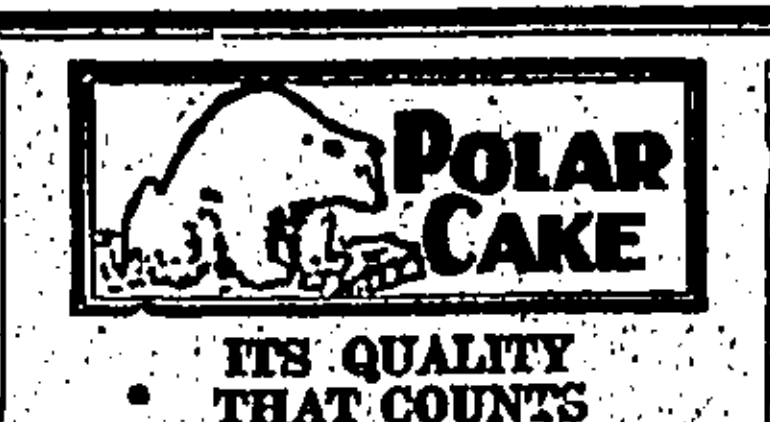
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P. TOD,

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Hong Kong, 2nd September, 1927.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH YEARLY

DRAWING OF TWENTY

DEBENTURES of the Hong

Kong Club (1920 issue—\$500

each) was held in the Club House

on THURSDAY, the 8th Septem-

ber, 1927, when the following

Debentures were drawn for red-

emption:—

26 280 434 545 721

160 303 447 636 780

214 332 484 651 789

274 347 499 664 838

and will be payable at the Hong

Kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration on Friday, the 30th Sep-

tember, 1927, in exchange for sur-

render of same.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th September, 1927.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

IN Terms of Debenture Condi-

tions Nos. 12, 13 and 14, the

Drawing of 20 Additional De-

bentures (1920 issue—\$500 each)

was held in the Club House on

THURSDAY, the 8th September,

1927, when the following De-

bentures were drawn for redem-

ption:—

19 234 361 609 726

33 261 480 623 745

147 271 515 655 806

224 341 566 691 831

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at the Hong Kong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation on Saturday,

the 31st March, 1928, in exchange

for surrender of same.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th September, 1927.

CRUSH FENG.

THE CENTRE OF TROUBLE IN

CHINA.

STATEMENT BY YANG YU-TING

General Yang Yu-ting, Chief of Staff to Director Chang Tso-lin made a statement to Reuters' correspondent in Peking, evidently intended for foreign consumption.

General Yang declared that there was some ground for reports which had appeared in the Press that Japan had made certain demands on China, but the report was inaccurate and exaggerated and had led to misunderstanding.

There had been no drastic demands, he said, in any way comparable to the famous Twenty-one Demands had—in fact, no concrete demands had been made except regarding three points. These were: (1) Regarding the construction and repair of certain railways being built by Chinese capitalists which the Japanese felt might compete with their interests.

(2) With regard to the Customs surtaxes.

(3) Concerning the establishment of certain Japanese Consulates in Manchuria.

The points at issue were largely between the local authorities rather than between the two Governments. The recent conference at Dairen had cleared up much misunderstanding.

General Yang added that the Japanese Minister, on his return from Japan and the Yangtze, called on Marshal Chang T

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LIMA MARU Friday, 21st October.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
AKITA MARU Monday, 19th September.

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QAL. METZINGER A	9th September	11th Oct.	25th Oct.
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"Calchas" (6,313) British, from Glasgow, Singapore—B. and S.—108 passengers, 1,360 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,200 tons general (through).
"Takliwa" (3,742) British, from Calcutta, Singapore—Mackinnon-Mackenzie—1,115 passengers, 2,015 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,188 tons general (through).
"Hydrangon" (561) British, from Swatow, Chiu On—529 passengers, 150 tons general cargo, for Hong Kong.
"Cheong Shing" (1,256) British, from Tientsin, Wei-hai-wei, Jardine's—19 passengers, 2,067 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 410 tons general (through).
"Angers" (5,680) French, from Marseilles, Saigon—M.M.—257 passengers, 161 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,925 tons general (through).
"Hanoi" (739) French, from Haiphong—M.M.—113 passengers, 770 tons rice and general cargo, for Hong Kong.
"Esquilino" (5,355) Italian, from Trieste, Singapore—Dodwell & Co.—28 passengers, 378 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,100 tons general (through).
"Hermes" (3,914) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, —Dodwell & Co.—5,875 tons coal for Hong Kong, from San Francisco, Yokohama—A.P. Co.—6,818 tons oil fuel for Hong Kong.
"Shinyo Maru" (6,408) Japanese, from S. Francisco, Shanghai, —N.Y.K.—223 passengers, 142½ tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 612 tons general (through).
"Nishin Maru No. 3" (1,661) Japanese, from Miki, —M.B.K.—3,483 tons coal for Hong Kong.
"Hung On" (2,097) Chinese, from Hongkong, Ching Shung Co.—2,710 tons coal for Hong Kong, 2,700 tons coal (through).
Departures.
For Manila:—Pres. Lincoln, Tai-ping.
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For Swatow:—Hui Hong.
For Keelung:—Kishu Maru, Dai-shin Maru No. 3, Sanjin Maru.
For Hoihow:—Takwa.
For Shanghai:—Yuen Sang, Independence, Angers, Calchas.
For Takao:—Esquilino.
For Canton:—Hang Sang, Yendai Maru.
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For Dany:—Peru.
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Clearances.
For Swatow:—Kwong Sang, Menado Maru.
For Hoihow:—Teau.
For Manila:—Kest Kader.
For Shanghai:—Emp. of Asia.
Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	5	6
Japanese	2	5
Norwegian	1	0
Chinese	1	3
Danish	0	1
Dutch	1	0
French	2	2
American	0	1
Italian	1	0
Panama	0	0
Portuguese	0	1
	13	20
		61

TYPHOON VICTIMS.

54 SAILORS RESCUED BY AMERICAN.

Found destitute and on the verge of starvation in an isolated spot on Camiguin island, one of the Babuyan group, 54 sailors from the town of Calape, Bohol, were saved by Henry Becker, an American resident of Camiguin, who brought them to Aparri on September 3, according to a telegram received on September 5 at the Customs House, Manila, from Mr. Becker.

The sailors, manning four sailing vessels—Dalmacio, Santa Filomena, Dela Paz and Belhica—were driven by the typhoon of August 19 into Fio Quinto where all the craft foundered. All aboard being good swimmers managed to save themselves according to the telegram.

Mr. Becker says in the telegram that he has also requested the governor general to issue transportation for the men on the inter-island vessel "Everett" leaving Aparri for Manila on September 7.

Customs officials believe that the survivors are fishermen or pearl divers from Bohol who ventured far out in the China sea but were forced to northern waters on account of the typhoon. The insular collector of customs wired the Customs inspector at Aparri to send the men to Manila on the first available transportation. From Manila they will be sent to Bohol. —"Manila Times."

PHILIPPINES SHIPPING.

COMMON CARRIER LAW FAVOURED.

Ramon J. Fernandez of Fernandez Hermanos, operators of a large number of inter-island steamships, on September 6 (says the "Manila Bulletin") told the advisory committee on inter-island shipping that he is in favour of a common carrier law in the Philippine Islands identical with that in the United States, prohibiting shipowners from hauling their own cargoes under penalty of a heavy fine.

Mr. Fernandez appeared before the committee as a representative of Filipino shipowners. His recommendations were a surprise to the committee. He is quoted as saying: "I absolutely agree with a statement made recently by H. L. Heath that the transportation system of the archipelago should be so organized that no person having cargo of his own would be allowed to operate a common carrier. If this is not done, outside steamers should be allowed to come in to take care of the local trade."

Mr. Fernandez told the committee that each steamship company should have specified routes for all of their boats and that ports of call on these routes should be defined. He believes that the shipowners should reserve space on their boats at each port of call, based on the average tonnage taken from that port.

Under this system, Mr. Fernandez said agents at the ports could arrange with the agents at other ports for any difference in probable shipment, one port taking more or less of the tonnage allocated, depending upon what the other ports require.

The advisory committee met expressly for the purpose of segregating the information it has gathered on the tonnage question for inter-island vessels and to make recommendations as to whether or not foreign shipping firms, now engaged in coastwise trade, should be allowed to replace their old ships with new ones with practically no limitations on tonnage. Acting Governor General Gilmore asked that this information be segregated from the rest of the report and be submitted immediately to determine the advisability of some of the bills now before the legislature. Members of the committee were unable to come to an agreement on the subject and were forced to adjourn without preparing the report.

Foreign Ships.

The House of Representatives heard from Ruperto Kapunan, member from Leyte, a frank discourse on the real situation of the inter-island shipping industry of the Philippines, in which the speaker pointed out its deficiencies in no uncertain terms. Mr. Kapunan spoke for nearly an hour.

The speech proceeded a plea from Mr. Kapunan for an urgent legislation, which would enable foreign capital to engage in insular shipping business and which would also permit organized shipping interests to cause improvements in their service. The plea for the reformation of the existing shipping law was strong.

Mr. Kapunan opened his speech with a brief history of marine accidents in the Philippines and in the course of his talk, characterized the islands' shipping service as horrible.

"For the deficiencies in the shipping service of the Philippines, the bureau of customs and the public service commission should be greatly blamed. The boats engaged in insular lines are old ships. The issuance of licences to such vessels is inexcusable."

Representative Kapunan outlined to the house his experience as a shipping passenger. He told the members that officers on inter-island vessels are "incompetent in their treatment of passengers." He said further that the training of officers

on local ships is not satisfactory. This lack of thoroughness in their training is clearly manifest in the sinking of steamers, many of which have met with disasters on account of incompetency in the handling of cargoes and in the general management of the vessel by such officers, he declared.

He also stated that some of the causes of the wrecking of a number of vessels could be traced to the unsatisfactory manner with which they have been inspected by the bureau of customs. He said that such vessels should not have been given licences by the bureau and should not have been allowed in the service by the public service commission. He deplored also the work of the board of marine examiners of the bureau in giving licences to men who are not fit for sea duty. At the same time, he on the part of the board of marine examiners severely alleged laxity in dealing with its cases.

"I am a constant traveller in ships. My experiences show that the whole shipping service of the islands is simply horrible. Passengers are made to travel with animals, and in general, they are no better treated than the latter. As a first class passenger at one time, I remember that on the vessel in which I was embarking, no water was handy with which to wash one's face. There were even no towels in the cabins of the passengers."

He concluded his address with a recommendation that the shipping law should be changed, and that foreign interests be permitted to participate in the trade as a means of stimulating competition. This, he declared, would lead to general betterment and improvement of the shipping industry of the Philippines.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in harbour: South Wall Basin, Serapis and Seraph; East Wall Basin, Tarantula, Onslaught and Ligeia; North Arm, Keppel, West Wall Dock, Sirdar and Robin; In Dock, Petrel and Tern; Talkoo Dock, Magnolia; Kowloon Dock, Belerophon; Buoy 1, Portol; Buoy 3, Calliope; Buoy 8, Danae; Buoy 13, Ruthenia; Buoy 26, Khark; Foreign Men-o-war, Craonne (French), U.S.S. Asheville and U.S.S. Pampanga.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on September 11 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here tomorrow at about 10 a.m.

The C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on September 1, and is due here on September 19.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 2, and is due here on or about October 12.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected to arrive in Hong Kong:—

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INDUS MARU Monday, 19th September.
SHUNKO MARU Tuesday, 4th October.
SUMATRA MARU Wednesday, 19th October.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 28th September.
PANAMA MARU Friday, 28th October.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 25th September.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 26th October.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai). Saturday, 24th September.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 27th Sept., 10 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 11th Oct., 10 a.m.
JAPAN PORTS
AMUR MARU Monday, 12th September.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
MENADO MARU Wednesday, 14th Sept., Noon.
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NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	20th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & London
KASHMIR	8,985	23rd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACDONIA	11,120	26th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,501	28th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MANUVA	10,946	10th Dec.	Marseilles & London
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LAHORE	5,262	27th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MACDONIA	11,120	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,501	20th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,950	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANUVA	10,946	12th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	26th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun., 18th Sept., at 10 a.m.
Tientsin	WATSHING	Tues., 20th Sept., at 12 p.m.
Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	CHEONGSHING	Tues., 20th Sept., at 5 p.m.
Sandakan	YATSHING	Wed., 21st Sept., at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama, Moji & Kobe	MAUSANG	Sat., 24th Sept., at 3 p.m.
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Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	WAISHING	Sun., 25th Sept., at 10 a.m.
Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Wed., 28th Sept., at 10 a.m.
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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 29th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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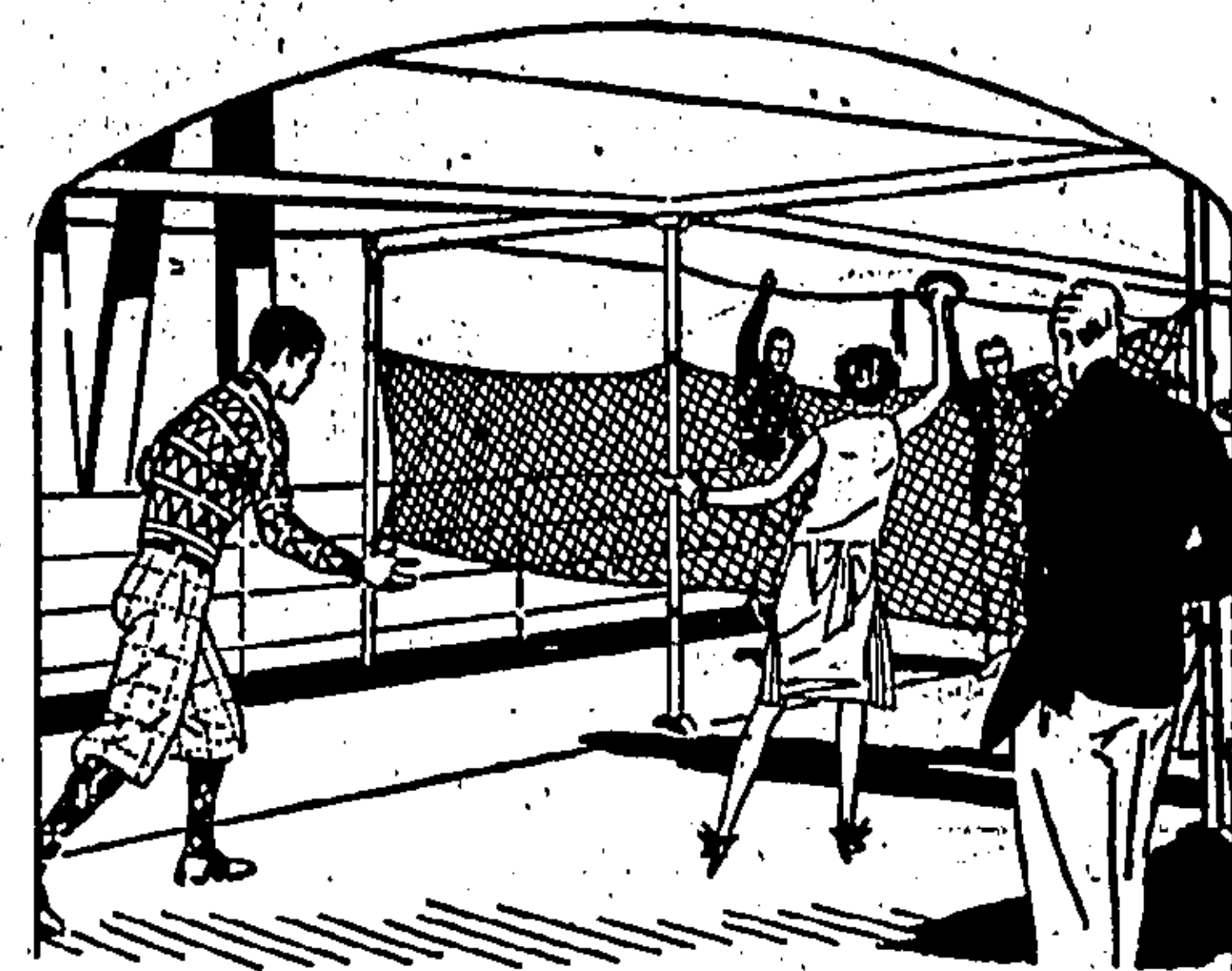
All claims must be sent in to me on or before THURSDAY, the 22nd September, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, the 19th September, 1927.

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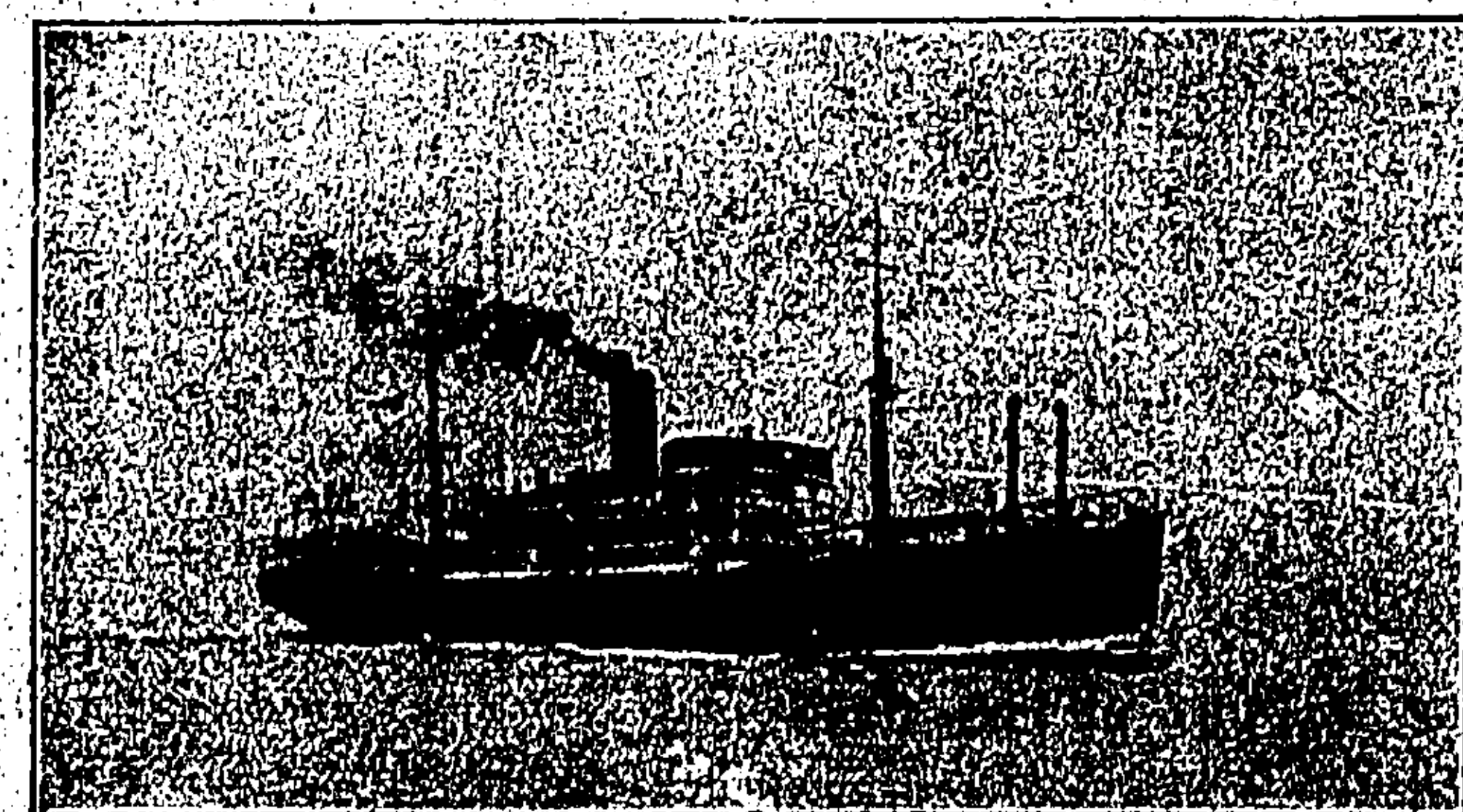
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MEMORIAL MEETING.

A Memorial Meeting of the
late Mr. O. Yau-shuen will be
held on Sunday, September 18,
1927, at 3 p.m. sharp in the
Hong Kong University Union.
Relatives and Friends are
kindly requested to attend.
Flower-wreaths and Memorial
scrolls should be sent to the
Clerk, Hong Kong University
Union, NOT later than three
hours before the Commemora-
tion of the Meeting.

WONG KWOK-FONG,
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Government Vernacular School.

Hong Kong Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1927.

A NOVEL SUGGESTION.

It is encouraging to see that
the Chinese business community
is still persisting in its attempt to
find ways and means of bringing
about a trade revival. The latest
to weigh in with an opinion is Mr.
Lo Yam-shuen who takes sides
against some of his confreres in
the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce by complaining of the in-
justice of the recent criticisms of
the attitude of the foreign bank-
ers in regard to the acceptance of
mortgages on shares and prop-
erties. This "unsolicited testi-
monial" ought to be welcome to
the foreign Banks as showing
that they have at least one sup-
porter of their cautious policy in
a time of crisis amongst the
Chinese business community.
But Mr. Lo Yam-shuen goes
further. He tells the Chinese
Chamber exactly what the trade
depression in the Colony is not
due to—in his opinion. It is not
due to:

The waiting attitude of the
bankers.
The high-handedness of some
landlords in raising rents
which are unbearable to their
tenants, and which have an
indirect effect upon business;

The high rents at the various
godowns;
The high costs of transporting
goods.

None of these factors, in the
view of Mr. Lo Yam-shuen, can
possibly be considered in any dis-
cussion of trade depression and of
the necessary steps to effect a
revival. All of them, apparently,
"just grew" upon the com-
munity, like Topsy, and must be
regarded as mere accidents or a
miscarriage of Dame Fortune.
The sole cause of the trade de-
pression, in this gentleman's
mind, is over-speculation of part
of the community after the great
war. So obsessed is he by this
theory that he proceeds at once to
expound a remedy. The first
thing to do, he believes, is to find
some means of restoring con-
fidence among the merchants,
which can be done, in his opinion,
if all shares and properties were
standardised by an appointed
joint Committee of the Hong
Kong General Chamber of Com-
merce, the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce, and Government offi-
cials. It will be noticed that he
does not say if it is possible for
shares and properties to be
standardised. Evidently he is
quite convinced that they could,
and, therefore, ought to be! The
idea is certainly novel. It is on
similar lines that most people base
their hopes of bringing about the
millennium—hopes that are doomed
to be shattered by the first
breath of reasonable argument.
It may seem a pity to condemn
anything savouring of a concrete
proposal in the direction of effect-
ing a trade revival, but we fancy
that the proposal for the stan-
dardisation of shares and prop-
erties will get no further than
the discussion stage at the next
meeting of the Chinese Chamber
of Commerce Committee.

In telling the Chinese Chamber
of Commerce just what the trade
depression is not due to, Mr. Lo
Yam-shuen has conveniently "for-
gotten" all about the strike and
the boycott and the upheaval in
South China caused by the pro-
tracted civil war. Apparently
these are too infinitesimal fac-
tors to be worth considering for a
moment! They are to be ruled
out as absolutely no account
whatsoever! Granted that he is
correct in saying that there has
been over-speculation on the part
of the community since the War.
Why saddle that with all the sins
of omission and commission in re-
spect of the trade depression that
has existed since the strike and
boycott commenced in the middle
of 1925? A share market crisis
might have eventuated in any
case—it was merely hastened by

the strike and boycott. To put it
mildly, any idea of standardising
shares and properties is Giber-
tian. Let the sponsor of the idea
cast his eyes further afield in an
honest attempt to solve the prob-
lem of trade depression and to
find a way to bring about a re-
vival. He cannot be permitted to
close his eyes to the tragic events
of the past two years in South
China and China generally. Nor
should he be encouraged to ad-
vocate artificial props—or suppos-
ed props—to local trade so long
as the great cancer of militarism
and corruption is eating
into the vitals of China
and causing a dislocation
of commerce with this Colony to
the detriment of merchants here.
In the meanwhile, we are still
waiting for the Trade Revival
Committee of the Chinese Cham-
ber of Commerce to submit con-
crete and reasonable proposals
that can be regarded as a fair
basis of a joint discussion with
the General Chamber of Com-
merce.

For Swimmers.

The announcement that ap-
peared in the "China Mail" last
Monday regarding the holding of
examinations for the certificates
and medals issued by the Royal
Life Saving Society is one
worthy of the attention of the
Colony's very large population
of swimmers. The tests were
held in the swimming bath of the
new St. Paul's School, and eight
completed the course (all men of
H.M.S. "Vindictive," incidentally,
trained by a fellow-seaman).
The tests for these examinations
comprise a thorough knowledge
of rescue and release in the
water, as well as practical and
theoretical knowledge of the
Schafer method of resuscitation.
Moreover, the test itself is a
fairly good examination as to a
person's swimming ability. The
whole idea is an excellent one,
and the Colony is fortunate in
possessing a fully qualified ex-
aminer in the person of Mr.
F. K. Ewart, of King's College.
This gentleman is willing to
supply information regard-
ing the aims and objects
of the Royal Life Saving So-
ciety to anyone interested, and
would, no doubt, arrange for the
inauguration of instructional
classes. If so, a splendid oppor-
tunity would be afforded local
swimming enthusiasts to qualify
for official status as life savers.
Moreover, the art of life saving
forms a most interesting branch
of the science of swimming, as
well as being of high practical
value. In this connection it has
been pointed out that a moder-
ate swimmer equipped with this
knowledge is of far more use in
an actual emergency than a very
strong swimmer who lacks the
knowledge of how to effect a
rescue expeditiously and of how
to render first aid to the rescued.
It is to be hoped, therefore, that
Mr. Ewart's offer will be hearti-
ly received by Hong Kong swim-
mers, who would find the course,
apart from anything else, a
novel form of nautical exercise
and one which would consider-
ably strengthen their swimming
powers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROHIBITED AREAS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I regret that my reply
to Fairplay has been delayed but
I have not ready facilities for
looking up legal points. As re-
gards his explanation that he
thought high-roads might be in-
cluded in the prohibited areas,
and that the Country Club might
wangle a special permit, I sup-
pose that this is what has been
termed a literary nibble intend-
ed to get him out of a bad lie.
Should, however, any such
thing come about, and the odds
are a million to one against
this, I will mingle my verjuice
with his. But, really, it is
incredible.
His point about the necessity
for the introduction of this new
legislation, however, merits
serious attention. No one really
knows but Government I would
hazard the suggestion that the
increase in our population has
made it difficult to supplement
the existing plantations. They
are, as Fairplay says, excellent,
but I do not think Mr. Green
would subscribe to the statement
that thinning exceeds the dam-
age at all events in some plan-
tations. But surely this is all
beside the point. The idea to a

great extent, as I read it, is to
protect areas where Government
is trying to start a new planta-
tion. Has Fairplay ever seen
one? It is quite impossible to
tell there are baby pine trees
(seedlings) just showing unless
you look very closely; and the
work of a grass-cutter over this
sort of ground destroys the
whole project. The small seed-
lings are either broken off or
raked out of the ground.

Finally—Penalties! As Fair-
play puts it, it sounds pretty
savage but he has quoted the
maximum penalty. If his argu-
ment was correct, the law which
imposes a similar penalty on
anyone exposing anything for
sale on a footway to the annoy-
ance of others must be aimed at
the well-to-do rather than the
coolie. Which is absurd. As a
matter of fact Magistrates fine
\$2 for obstruction (see news-
papers) and I have no doubt
they would do the same in treas-
pass on these areas. It may
interest Fairplay to know that
he is liable to this "savage"
penalty of \$250 and/or 6 months
if

(a) Fastens a horse or other
animal so that it can stand
across or upon a footway.

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tomed to annoy passengers by
barking or otherwise.

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in a public place to the alarm
or annoyance of others.

(d) Wantonly ringing a door-
bell or knocking a knocker.

(e) Affixing a poster on a
wall without permission.

(f) Neglecting at night to
affix to one's house and keep
alight a lamp or lantern of ap-
proved pattern.

It is only \$100 or 3 months if
he "makes between sunset and
6 a.m. any noise whatever
calculated to disturb public tran-
quillity or annoy any person."
(Kowloon, please note.)

Apologizing for the length of
my letter

I am, etc.,

TRUTH.

Hong Kong, Sept. 13.

MR. J. H. PIDGEON.

OLD LOCAL RESIDENT BURIED.

The funeral took place at the
Catholic Cemetery yesterday of
Mr. J. H. Pidgeon, who
had long associations with the
Colony.

The Rev. Father F. R. Novak,
of the Spanish Dominican Pro-
curation, officiated.

The pall-bearers were Messrs.
W. J. Carroll, A. H. Carroll,
J. C. H. L. Smith and Mr. A. W. J.
Simmons.

Among others present were
Mrs. R. Carroll, the Misses G.
and C. Smith, Mr. O. R. Benson,
Mr. G. A. Lawrence, Mr. F. P.
Lentestey, Mr. J. W. Kew, Mr.
A. Mackenzie, Mr. C. W. Olson,
Mrs. A. H. Carroll, Mrs. R.
Capell and many friends from
the brokery community.

A wreath from Miss Tootsie
Smith and one from Miss Edna
Carroll were buried with the re-
mains of Mr. Pidgeon.

The Wreaths.

There were many other floral
tributes including those from
"this sorrowing Tootsie," Ma,
Loll and Bill, Nancy, Tony,
Edna, Ronny and Kenny, Cocky,
Mary, Chas and Lall, his little
Geoffrey, Daisy, Phyllis and
Noel and an old Canton Friend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Olson, Mr.
and Mrs. Capell and Family, Mr.
and Mrs. F. Gonzales, Mr. and
Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and
Mrs. E. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs.
E. S. K. Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs.
J. Sanderson Smith, Mr. and
Mrs. T. F. O'Sullivan, Mr. and
Mrs. W. Goldenberg, Mr. and
Mrs. F. E. Shushi, Mr. and Mrs.
C. F. Rapp, Mr. and Mrs. S.
Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rapp,
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Sim-
mons and family, Mr. and Mrs.
Frith and family, Mrs. M. Blake
and family, Mrs. H. E. Kemp
and family, Mrs. C. Leonard and
family, Miss Marie Kacker, Mr.
D. Urquhart, Mrs. Braga and
Miss Braga.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall,
C.M.G., Mr. J. Joseph, Mr.
Oscar R. Benson, Mr. G. A.
Lawrence, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. R.
Pestonji, Mr. Edward Ezra, Mr.
J. F. Grose, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr.
F. P. Lentestey, Dr. Ernest To,
Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo, Mr. W.
Ward, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mr.
J. W. Kew, Mr. R. Abraham, Mr.
A. P. Graves, Mr. E. C. Fincher,
Mr. F. E. Nash, Mr. C. G.
Anderson, Mr. W. A. Zimmerman,
Mr. Vivian Benjamin, Mr. G. R.
Razavet.

The Hong Kong Stock Ex-
change, Messrs. O'Hoy Bros.,
Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, Messrs.
Fred Kew and Co., Messrs. Sio
Poi-shao and Sio Pui-chen, King
Edward Hotel and "B.I.L."
There were also wreaths from
the Office Boys (Carroll Bros.)
the house boy and the amah.

P'RAPs-P'RAPs NOT!

What with all the excitement
over greyhound racing the Old
Country seems to be going to
the dogs!

Just-Married Man (proudly):
"And this, darling, is your new
home, the house that Jack built!"
Young Wife: "Looks more like
the house that Jerry built!"

The young mother asked the
man who supplied her with milk
if he kept any calves, and smiled
pleasedly when he said that he
did.

"Then," she continued bright-
ly, "bring me a pint of calf's
milk every day. I think cow's
milk is too strong for baby."

Unwelcome Visitor—"Is your
little daughter really able to play
the piano?"

Bored Host—"Yes."

Visitor—"You know, I'm
fearfully fond of music. To me
its charms are irresistible—it
fairly carries me away—"

Host—"Jeanie—play us a tune
at once."

The very young clergyman
made his first parochial call. He
tried to admire the baby, and
asked how old it was.

"Just ten weeks old," the
proud mother replied.

"Just ten weeks old," said the
padre, "And is it your youngest?"

A little girl returned from
church (silly musing on the
sermon, in which the preacher
had declared that animals, lack-
ing souls, could not go to heaven.

As the result of her medita-
tion, she presented a problem to
the family at the dinner table,
when she asked earnestly:—

"If cats don't go to heaven,
where do the angels get the
strings for their harps?"

The flying American six-cyl-
inder car was hogging along the
Warwickshire roads when it sud-
denly pulled up with a screech of
brakes opposite an old country-
man. "Say," said the driver,
nasally, "kin you tell me if I'm
right for W. Shakespeare's
house?" "Yezzir," responded the
rustic gentleman, "but there's no
need to hurry. He's dead!"

The Judge observed to the
defendant—"You seem to have
committed a grave assault on
complainant just because he
differed from you in an argu-
ment."

"There was no help for it,
your Honour," said the offender.
"The man is a perfect idiot."

"Well, you must pay a fine of
ten shillings and the costs, and
in future you should try to
understand that idiots are
human beings the same as you
and me."

A group of tourists were look-
ing over the inferno of Vesuvius
in full eruption.

"Ain't this just like hell?"

ejaculated a Yank.

"Ah, zess Americans," ex-
claimed a Frenchman, "where
have zey not been?"

"And what have you and Mr.
Newcome been talking about
in the drawing-room all this
time," inquired the girl's mother.

"We've been discussing our
kith and kin," replied the girl
carelessly.

Upon hearing this her small
brother, who had been listening
outside the drawing-room door,
chimed in with, "Yeth, they
were, mummy. Ha atked if he
could kith her, and she said,
"You kin."

The teacher had been trying
to inculcate the principles of the
Golden Rule and turn-the-other-
cheek.

"Now, Tommy," she asked,
"what would you do supposing
a boy struck you?"

"How big a boy are you sup-
posing?" demanded Tommy.

Visitor: What is your son
going to be when he has passed
his examinations?

Father: An old man, I'm
afraid.

"It makes me nervous to see
Betty swim so far out; she might
take a cramp."

"Oh, she'll get along all right—
there's no life guard about."

An American globe-trotter,
who was being shown the sights
of Wilmor, halted before the
statue of Goethe, the town's
illustrious son, and said, "Who is
that?" "Goethe, the author of
"Faust," was the reply.
"Goethe," said the American,
thoughtfully, "That's strange.
We pronounce it Gounod where I
come from."

CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

being appointed by the Nationalist Government as "unofficial diplomatic representative" in Japan.

Gen. Li's Advice.
How General Li Chai-sum is attempting to steer a middle course between the conflicting interests of his party is shown in a circular telegram he has issued.

As commander-in-chief in Kwangtung province and head of the Canton administration, he suggests co-operation between the rival sections of the Kuomintang with the return to power of General Chiang Kai-shek.

Li Chai-sum's appeal is based on five points, as follows:

1.—unity in the Kuomintang.
2.—Chiang Kai-shek to be invited to return to office as commander-in-chief of the Nationalist armies and Mr. Wang Ching-wei to be invited to return to Nanking.

3.—retain the post of commander-in-chief (in whom the supreme command will be vested) until China has been unified under the Nationalist Government when the post can then be abolished.

4.—all members of the Party who bear arms (i.e., all soldiers) to recognise Chiang Kai-shek as the soldier of the hour.

5.—settle all matters arising out of the second plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

Massacre in Honan.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Chinese newspapers state that owing to the Red Spears and the Heavenly Gate Society having killed some of Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers in Changte, North Honan, a city of 300,000 inhabitants, Feng Yu-hsiang's troops carried out a fearful massacre, sparing neither age nor sex.

The refugees declare that the slaughter was unprecedented. The vernacular newspapers variously estimated the killed as between 30,000 and 30,000.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE COMMERCE.

BRITISH DELEGATES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Yesterday.
On Friday a party of over one hundred delegates from the British Chambers of Commerce leave Southampton on the Union Castle liner "Saxon" for South Africa to attend the 11th Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire which will open in Cape Town on October 4.

The Congress is held triennially alternatively in London and in one of the Dominions, Crown Colonies or India. This is the first occasion of its meeting in South Africa.

The Congress will have a lengthy agenda to debate, embracing a large variety of subjects, all of which have a direct bearing upon the development of inter-imperial commerce and industry. After the close of the Congress visitors will undertake a tour of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.—*British Wireless Service.*

FATAL TIDAL WAVE.

MANY DEATHS IN MEXICO.

New York, Yesterday.
In addition to those killed hundreds were injured and thousands rendered homeless by the disastrous storm that accompanied a tidal wave reaching a height of 25 feet on the west coast of Mexico on the 7th instant. Details are lacking owing to the complete destruction of communications over a thousand miles from the Gulf of Tehuantepec to Guymnas. The tempest was heaviest at Salina Cruz, where deaths were especially numerous.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Japan Wash-Out.

Osaka, Yesterday.
An "Asahi" extra edition reports that a tidal wave visited a town near Kumamoto and washed out hundreds of houses causing 150. In another town near Kumamoto 400 houses were swept away, with 2,000 casualties. The town of Omura was flooded, inundating 5,000 houses.—*Reuter.*

BLACK SEA 'QUAKE.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED.

Moscow, Yesterday.
Earthquake shocks continue in Yalta, Sebastopol and Simferopol. Thirteen were killed and 358 injured in Yalta. A feature of the phenomenon at Mikhkor was the ringing of the church bells. There were some landslides. The Ozar's palace at Livadia, now a peasants' sanatorium was among the numerous well-known structures damaged.—*Reuter.*

WRECKED AEROPLANE.

SIGHTED OFF CORNISH COAST.

PARTS RECOVERED.

London, Yesterday.
Search is being made at Newquay, on the coast of Cornwall, for the wrecked aeroplane which was sighted about two miles out at sea yesterday. Two parts of the aeroplane have been washed ashore—the rudder and part of a wing. The wrecked machine was in direct line out to sea from where the rudder was found but owing to the rough sea it was impossible to then launch a boat.

Early to-day fishing vessels equipped with auxiliary motors left for the spot where the wreckage was sighted and cruised for several hours in all directions. No further trace was, however, found. On the rudder and part of the wing there are no special marks of identification but the Air Ministry is sending an expert to examine them. It is stated it should be quite possible to determine the type of machine.

Pieces of silver grey fabric are attached to both rudder and wing top of the aeroplane which is missing from the Atlantic flights. The "Sir John Carling," piloted by Tully and Medcalf, had grey fabric.—*British Wireless Service.*

THE PANAMA CANAL.

AMERICAN POWERS IN ZONE.

Washington, Yesterday.
The suggestion reported to have been made by the Panama representative at Geneva on the 10th inst., that the sovereignty dispute over the zone between the United States and Panama might form the subject of arbitration, has considerably flustered State Department officials.

The latter, to Reuter's correspondent, asserted that the question of the exercise of the United States sovereignty over the Panama Canal is in no respects in dispute with the Panama Government officials, and they vigorously denied that the League had any jurisdiction over the American Canal Zone. They added that in the new treaty awaiting ratification the United States agreed not to establish in the Canal Zone any commercial establishments to which Panama objected.—*Reuter.*

TYPHOON IN JAPAN.

DESTRUCTION IN KYUSHU PROVINCE.

Osaka, Yesterday.
A typhoon, which visited Nagasaki and other towns in Kyushu early this morning, caused the telephone service to be totally interrupted and telegraphs to be seriously interfered with.

Many of the small wooden houses in Nagasaki are reported to have collapsed, telegraph poles were blown down and street traffic stopped.

Other towns such as Kumamoto and Omura suffered similarly.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN BANK BILL.

ALTERNATIVE PLAN BEING CONSIDERED.

Simla, Yesterday.
In the course of a debate in the Assembly on a labour motion censuring the Government for withdrawing the Reserve Bank Bill Sir B. C. Blackett denied the Bill was actually withdrawn and said the original plan had been much modified and the Government wanted time to draft an alternative plan.—*Reuter.*

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

CHINESE WHO SMASHED SHOP WINDOW.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a coolie named Chan Pui was charged with smashing the glass of a show window belonging to Messrs. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd., and stealing a pair of shoes and a suit length worth \$101. He pleaded "guilty."

It was stated by the police that the show window opened on to the passageway in Alexandra Building leading from Des Voeux Road Central to Chater Road. The glass was smashed by the accused with a brick wrapped up in some paper. Two Chinese detectives were attracted to the passageway by the noise of breaking glass, and were just in time to see the accused walking away with the stolen property in his possession. As soon as the accused saw the detectives he made a dash out of the building. Chase was given and the accused was arrested after a short run. The theft occurred at 8.30 yesterday morning when the vicinity was practically deserted.

Sub-Inspector Andrews, who prosecuted, said that he had been instructed by the C.S.P. to press for the maximum penalty.

Mr. Lindsell passed sentence of four months' hard labour.

A LAND MORTGAGE.

FORGERY CHARGE AGAINST TWO CHINESE.

OWNER'S ALLEGATIONS.

Chan Hin-shuen, who was represented by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, as complainant in a forgery charge against two other Chinese, Ma Yee-ching and Yung Ting-cho, who were represented respectively by Mr. A. E. Hall and Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Ma was charged with forging the mortgage of a piece of land on Tsai-I Island, in the New Territories and obtaining the sum of \$700 under the forged document, whilst Yung was charged with aiding and abetting Ma in the alleged fraud.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Gordon Leask said that the fraud on the complainant was carried out with the aid of a third man who was not in custody. This man posed as Tang Ying, the owner of the property in question. Through the intermediary of three unsuspecting Chinese brokers, Ma got into touch with the complainant (Chan Hin-shuen) who agreed to take up the mortgage and paid over the sum of \$700 to Ma on the completion of the change in the title deeds.

A Chance Visit.

Yung was brought into the case by Ma, who was alleged to have procured him to give false testimony as to the identification of the false mortgage, the missing man who posed as Tang Ying, the owner of the property. The fraud was discovered by chance visit to the office of the District Officer by a brother of Tang Ying, the owner of the property. Going through the conveyance register, this man discovered an entry relating to his brother's property. Knowing that his brother did not mortgage the property, he gave information which led to the arrest of the two accused.

The conveyance of the property was carried out in the office of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton and Company, and this Mr. Leask explained, was how his firm became directly concerned in the case. The fraud was conceived by the accused in June this year, and after interviewing the three brokers Ma (first accused) got into touch with the complainant Chan. The parties went to Messrs. Brutton's office on June 20, taking with them the man who posed as Tang Ying, the owner of the property and the supposed mortgage. The title of the bogus Tang Ying was investigated by Messrs. Brutton's conveyance clerk, and from the documents produced the clerk found that the title was good.

Became Suspicious.
Later, however, when a fuller investigation was made into the identity and bona fides of the mortgagee some hesitation on the part of the accused led to the conveyance clerk becoming suspicious. It was then, in order to allay the clerk's suspicion, that Ma produced Yung to testify to the bona fides of the bogus Tang Ying. Yung signed the document and affixed his firm's "chop" to it, and the complainant then paid the \$700 over to Ma who was supposed to be acting for the mortgagee.

It was some time after the conveyance had been completed that the legitimate Tang Ying's brother discovered the fraud in the office of the District Officer, New Territories (South). Tang Ying was then got into touch with, and he turned out to be a different man from the Tang Ying who was produced in Messrs. Brutton's office as the owner of the property on Tsai-I Island.

After some evidence had been taken the case was adjourned.

MR. A. H. BARLOW.

RESIGNS FROM H. K. BANK MANAGERSHIP.

HON. MR. HYNES SUCCEEDS.

It is understood that Mr. A. H. Barlow, who left the Colony for Hong earlier in the year, has resigned the position of Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and that his successor is the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, who has been acting in that position. Mr. Barlow is to undertake a short tour of the Far East shortly at the conclusion of which it is understood that he is to join the London Committee of the Bank.

Mr. Barlow first joined the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1891 and served in Singapore, Hong Kong, Colombo, Calcutta, Bombay and Manila before being appointed Agent of the Bank at Bangkok in 1907. Four years later he came to Hong Kong as Sub-Manager since when he remained in the Colony until his departure this year. He held the position of Hong Kong Manager for several years and succeeded the late Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen as Chief Manager in 1924.

On the occasion of his departure from the Colony in March, Mr. Barlow was the recipient of a presentation from the Chinese merchants and honours.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, who succeeds Mr. Barlow, has acted as Chief Manager since

STROLLING PLAYERS.

NEW COMPANY OPENS AT LEE THEATRE.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

The Oriental Strolling Players opened their short season at the Lee Theatre last night and scored a distinct success.

The spacious hall of the theatre was only moderately filled, perhaps because of the somewhat out-of-the-way location, but the couple of hours pleasant entertainment was well worth the journey.

The band of the 1st Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, occupied the stage for the major part of the first half of the programme. Their selections were greatly appreciated and special mention must be made of the Cornet Solo, "The Lost Chord," by L.-C. A. Green.

A short musical sketch entitled "Oriental Revue" by the Players was very well received. The dance by Nina Cherniava and Nikifor Feoktistoff "Czardas, from Ballet Coppelia" was a tremendous hit.

Last night's programme was:—The Band of the 1st Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, (By kind permission of Lt.-Col. S. H. L. Thunders, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. and Officers).

March, "The Mad Major," Alford.

Selection, "The Vagabond King," Friml.

Cornet Solo, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan. (Soloist, L.-C. A. Green), Conductor Mr. W. Cresswell, L.R.A.M. Bandmaster.

Oriental Revue: Sapphire, Ida Rosan; A Frenchman, Thomas Astorff; A Slave, Nikifor Feoktistoff; Dancers:—Nina Cherniava, Tosca Schneider, Shoura Ismailova.

The Band of the 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Picaresque, "The American Medley," arr: Somers.

Descriptive, "From a Russian Village," Marsden.

(a) Approach of the Cossacks; (b) Song of the Volga Boatmen; (c) Peasant Girls' Dance; (d) The Sleigh Ride.

Selection, "Mercenary Mary," arr: Godfrey.

Musical Melange by the Oriental Strolling Players, including the following items:—

Charleston (Nina Cherniava, Tosca Schneider, Shoura Ismailova, and Thomas Astorff).

Aria from La Tosca, Ida Rosan.

March, Shoura Ismailova.

Little Red Riding Hood, Tosca Schneider.

Czardas, from Ballet Coppelia, Nina Cherniava, and Nikifor Feoktistoff.

Tango, Ida Rosan, and Thomas Astorff.

Valse Caprice, Nina Cherniava, Tosca Schneider, and Shoura Ismailova.

Jewish Dance, Nikifor Feoktistoff.

There will be a complete change of programme on Thursday, September 15.

FUN O' THE FAIR.

"ON WITH THE DANCE!"

Bertie: Hallo, Bertie!
Gertie: Hallo, Bertie!

B.: What are you doin' on October 1?

G.: Oh! I don't know.

B.: I do. I'm going to the "Fun O' The Fair."

G.: What for?

B.: To dance with the M. C. L.

G.: What do you mean? Who's the M. C. L.?

B.: Is she that red-haired girl you seemed to get off with last night?

B.: Silly idiot. I said dance for, not with. The M. C. L.'s a good cause—Ministering Children's League—collects no end of dollars for all kinds of charities. Will you come?

G.: And dance? Who's playing?

B.: Whitey Smith. For the third time of asking, will you come? Else it's the red-haired girl!

G.: Will I come?—Rather. Why on earth didn't you say so before. Whitey Smith, Land of Liberty! Whitey Smith, I'll dance for the M. C. L. till all's blue!

RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations on rubber shares:—

Ayer: Panas \$10.60

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Sandycrofts 2.65

Rubber is quoted at 67½ cents per lb.

Mr. Barlow went on leave and has served since the beginning of the year on the Legislative Council. He has a long and honourable connection with the Bank and his genial and courteous disposition has made him a host of friends both in the Colony and other important centres in which he has served.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

September 14—Queen's Theatre; "A Society Scandal."

September 14—World Theatre; "Wild Oats Lane."

September 14—Star Theatre, Kowloon; "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

September 14—Sing song at the "Better Ole," 7 p.m.

September 15—Informal dance at the "Cheer O," 7 p.m. Variety concert by Entertainment Committee, 7 p.m.

September 16—Concert at the "Cheer O," 7 p.m.

October 1—H.K. & W.G. & M.C.L.'s "Fun o' The Fair," Lee Gardens.

Sports.

September 14—Whist drive at the "Cheer O," 7.15 p.m.

September 14—Ping Pong League, W.Y.O.B.U. v. T. Institute (C.C.Y.M.S.).

September 15—Ping Pong League, W. Y. College v. C.R.C. (St. Peter's Club).

September 16—Ping Pong League, H.K.U. v. C.C.Y.M.S. (Y.M.C.A.).

September 24—Tennis Leagues Chinese Recreation Club v. the Rest of the League.

October 8-10—Hong Kong Jockey Club's sixth extra race meeting at Happy Valley Race Course.

Lammert's Auctions.

September 15—At Lammert Bros.' Sales Room, valuable properties in the New Territories, 3 p.m.

September 16—At Sales Room, a large and valuable collection of Curios, etc., 2.30 p.m.

September 19—On the premises, the goods and chattels of Mme. Flint, J. L. Durand, the Europe Trading Co., and the Cafe Parisien, 9.30 a.m.

Meetings.

September 15—Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

September 16—Annual general meeting of Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

September 23—General meeting of contributors of the Hong Kong Development Building & Savings Society Ltd. (in liquidation) City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

September 23—Annual general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, in the Club House, 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee, at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 14—Informal opening of the Peak Club Bowling Green, 5.15 p.m.

September 24—Entries close for the sixth extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, noon.

September 29—H.K.V.D.C. route march from Polo Ground to Taikeo.

December 5—Matriculation, Senior & Junior Local Examinations at the Hong Kong University, Bonham Road.

AT THE QUEEN'S

GLORIA SWANSON IN PRETTY DRESSES.

Much better films than "A Society Scandal" have been presented at the Queen's Theatre. Still it is a colourful production and will appeal to that large following which likes to see Gloria Swanson. Here she has a strong supporting cast in Rod in Roque, Ricardo Cortez, Allen Simpson and others. Rod is neither convincing as a ranting lawyer in an unreal divorce scene nor as Gloria's lover, but that is a weakness of the story rather than of the artist's acting. Gloria is given an opportunity of displaying a large number of pretty dresses. The International News programme was particularly interesting, being a description of Lindberg's reception in France after his flight across the Atlantic, and Screen Snapshots, showing picture stars at home no doubt had an appeal for the many who follow the doings of these notable people. By no means the least likeable item on the programme was "Love in a Cottage," one of the always-acceptable Aesop Fables, hinged on the truism that "it's the little things that count."

VICE-CONSUL SHOT.

ASSAILANT A YOUNG BRICKLAYER.

Paris, Yesterday.
Nardin's assassin has been identified as a bricklayer named Sergio de Modugno, 25. A search of his lodgings in Paris revealed nothing important.—*Reuter.*

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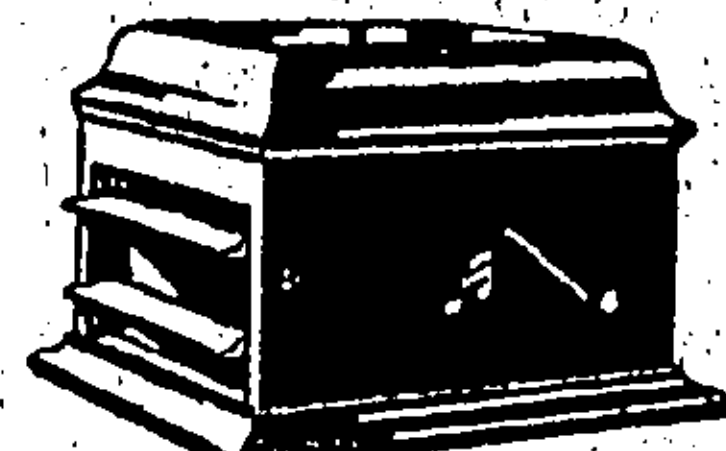
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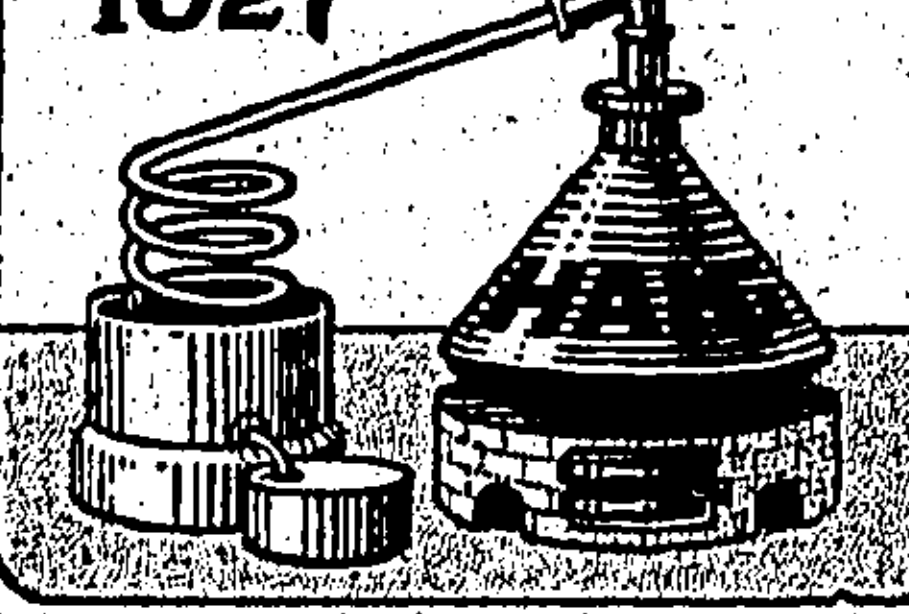
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Seven cases of enteric fever, resulting in four deaths, occurred among Chinese during the week ended September 10.

Brazil has offered to assist Japanese immigrants to Brazil to the extent of \$14 per head up to 5,000 immigrants annually. The Japanese Government is also to grant a subsidy of about \$20 per head to 7,500 annually. Emigration to Brazil as a consequence is expected to double.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned at Leamington at an inquest on Albert William Allen, 50, a Royal Automobile Club scout, who was killed as the result of being thrown from his motor-cycle by a woman pedestrian who was stated to have walked into his machine. A witness said that the woman could have avoided the accident had she exercised due caution.

Mr. Ben Spoor, Socialist, M.P. for Bishop Auckland, who was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury in the Socialist Government, was at Darlington, fined £2 and costs for being drunk in charge of a motor-car. Mr. Spoor pleaded guilty and also to a second charge of driving to the public danger. In respect of the latter the court did not record a conviction, but ordered Mr. Spoor to pay the costs.

Owing to a portion of the railway track on the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton railway having been damaged or dug up, the morning express from Canton which was due in at Kowloon shortly before noon, did not arrive until 3 p.m. The damage having been put right, the service was resumed as usual. On inquiry at the offices of the Railway this morning, the "China Mail" was informed that the exact nature of the damage which had led to the delay was not as yet known.

When a Chinese orphan boy yesterday pleaded "guilty" before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy to a charge of larceny of a rattan basket containing clothing and jewellery worth \$41, his Worship ordered the lad to be sent to the Waifs' Club. Outside the Court the boy admitted to a Sergeant that he had previously been admitted to the Waifs' Club, and had escaped. He was accordingly again taken before the Magistrate who ordered him to receive 12 strokes of the cane.



Seymour Lowman, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who on August 1 succeeded Brig-Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews as head of the prohibition unit.

Crying "Up, Guards, and at 'em," a man fell from Blackfriars Bridge, E.C., into the Thames although a search with boats was made, no trace of him could be found. In the pocket of his overcoat, which he removed before mounting the parapet, the police found papers bearing the name, "Capt. T. B. Tong, D.S.O." A man of that name had lived for the past three years in a boarding house in Lambeth Palace-road, Lambeth, S.E.

Regarding the discussion as to the reasons for the Indian Brigade being the first among the troops to return from Shanghai, the Simla correspondent of the "Pioneer" explains that the War Office is paying for all the troops in China, including the Indian Brigade, the cost of which does not fall on the Indian Government while it is outside India. The upkeep of this brigade is an additional charge on the Home revenue. When it became possible to reduce the Shanghai Force, the first troops to leave obviously would be those involving extra cost. This is the sole reason for the Indian Brigade returning after having performed its duties satisfactorily.

Normal traffic service between Shanghai and Hangchow has been resumed, it is reported in the "Sin Wan Pao," and normal traffic will shortly be resumed on the Shanghai-Nanking line.

The Governor in Council remits the stamp duty on the new mortgage deeds, to be executed by Messrs. Lim Peng Siang and Lim Peng Mau, in respect of moneys due to the Government of the Straits Settlements by the Ho Hong Steamship Co., Singapore, states an announcement in the S. S. "Government Gazette."

It is understood that a local Company has approached the Government with a view to approval of plans for erecting more permanent structures on the Repulse Bay beach, to take the place of the matsheds which have recently been destroyed. The Company is understood to be in touch also with various owners with a view to the cost of erection being borne by the owners collectively. The Government has asked for plans of the proposed scheme. The Government had previously had under consideration a scheme for erecting some twenty concrete structures which would be let out to hire, dressing rooms and a pavilion which would have made the beach considerably more attractive, but on the grounds of economy the scheme had to be dropped.

The Chinese cook of the s.s. "Athos II" was yesterday charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson with the unlawful possession of six revolvers and 600 rounds of ammunition. The case which was previously remanded, was concluded yesterday afternoon. The prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Dorling, while Mr. Leo d'Almada was for the defence. Evidence for the prosecution was to the effect that when the "Athos II" arrived in Hong Kong from Manila, the watchman noticed that ten bags were removed to the upper decks. He became suspicious and inspected their contents. On opening the first bag it was found to contain stale rice, but in a second the arms and ammunition were discovered concealed amongst the rice. Later the head cook whom accused alleged was the owner of the bags was hunted for on the ship but was nowhere to be found. In spite of the accused's denial of guilt, the Magistrate convicted him and imposed a fine of \$750, or, in default, nine months' jail.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. Clarence W. Cumming and her three children returned to Shanghai from a summer's holiday at Unzen, Japan.

Lady Lampson, wife of Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister at Peking, has sent a donation of £5 to the National Playing Fields Fund.

Mr. Hindley Smith, Superintendent of Customs, Kuala Lumpur, is proceeding to Kuantan to relieve Mr. C. Watkins who will be returning to the Kuala Lumpur customs office.

Captain Ronald Amundsen, on his way home from Japan, arrived in Moscow on August 2, and was welcomed by representatives of scientific organisations and a large crowd.

Mr. S. H. Langston, District Officer, Lower Perak, is likely to go to Kuala Kangsar as District Officer at the end of October. He and Mrs. Langston are going on leave in March next year.

Mrs. Clement J. Breen, the wife of the manager of the Shanghai office of David L. Moss and Company, Inc., is returning to Shanghai about the middle of September from a visit to the United States.

Mr. T. Takagi, local manager of the Bank of Taiwan, has been transferred to the Tokyo office and Mr. Junsaku Ihara has been appointed Manager of the Hong Kong Office, assuming his duties as from September 12.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Mr. Herbert William Frichard, K.C. (Procureur and Advocate-General, Mauritius), as a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

Mr. Justice Saito and four other Japanese judges were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on July 27, and were subsequently present at a sitting of the Mansion House Justice Room.

Major-General G. A. Wake has been appointed General Officer Commanding, Bombay District, from October, 1927. [Mr.] Gen. George Alexander Wake, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, was Commandant of the Equitation School and Inspector of Cavalry, 1922-25. Born in 1876, he was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Oxford. He served in the South African and the European Wars. On June 15 last, he was promoted to the rank of Major-General.

Mr. R. V. Patterson, of Borneo Motors, left Ipoh by the s.s. "Malaya" on the round trip to Tongkah, Kopah and Renong.

Mr. J. A. Greenfield has been transferred to the Peking office of the Chinese Postal Service from Mukden, where he was Commissioner of Posts for many years.

Mr. L. D. Whitfield and Mr. A. J. Batchelor, European masters, were due out from Home by the s.s. "Malwa" about September 8. Mr. Whitfield is accompanied by Mrs. Whitfield.

Mr. G. F. L. Moir, of Kedah, underwent a serious operation in the Penang Hospital. He is now making good progress towards recovery. Miss A. Moir of Kuala Lumpur, is at present in Penang.

Mr. G. C. Ashworth of the Borneo Company, Ltd., the well-known footballer, is now out again after his recent accident when he was knocked down in Perak Road by a motor car, which failed to stop.

Mr. Chew Boon Huan, a member of the Penang Y.M.C.A., returned to Penang with the missionaries who accompanied him on his tour through Kedah and Lower Siam. The party held services at the Alor Star prison.

The new Governor of Ceylon, Sir Herbert James Stanley, and Lady Stanley received a very enthusiastic reception upon their arrival at Colombo on August 20. At St. Peter's Church, Fort, on the Sunday the new Governor read the lessons.

Forthcoming weddings announced include the marriage between Mr. J. S. Browne, an R.A.F. flight lieutenant, attached to H.M.S. "Hermes," residing at the Station Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss A. M. Wreford, "South Coast," Caterham Valley, Surrey. Also Mr. J. Fliele, ships draughtsman, 1 Salween Terrace, Quarry Bay, to Miss J. F. MacKenzie, Dunkerron, Gourack, Scotland.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher's return to Council as Colonial Secretary has apparently had a tranquillizing effect, says the "Ceylon Observer." Many difficulties have been smoothed over and there is an end to the cross-purposes and ambiguities of the period of interregnum. From the cordiality of the relations between the Officials and Unofficials in the recent Session of the Council, it is obvious that the vote of censure, and the cut of Avebury in the Civil Service, would never have been approved if Mr. Fletcher had been present in Council to explain Government's attitude and action.

Then, Rasche, daring stunt flier, hopes to make a flight across the open sea from Germany to the United States. Surely there must be something more than coincidence in the fact that Dr. J. Gossip has been appointed a member of the Central Midwives Board of the Straits Settlements, in succession to Dr. J. Sharp. The body of a British sailor, a member of the crew of H.M.S. "Kilavo," who fell overboard just before the vessel was due to leave with the commercial delegation going to investigate conditions up river, was recovered on September 2 at Hankow. It rose to the surface near H.M.S. "Widgeon" during the forenoon and was taken to the Roman Catholic Hospital Mortuary.

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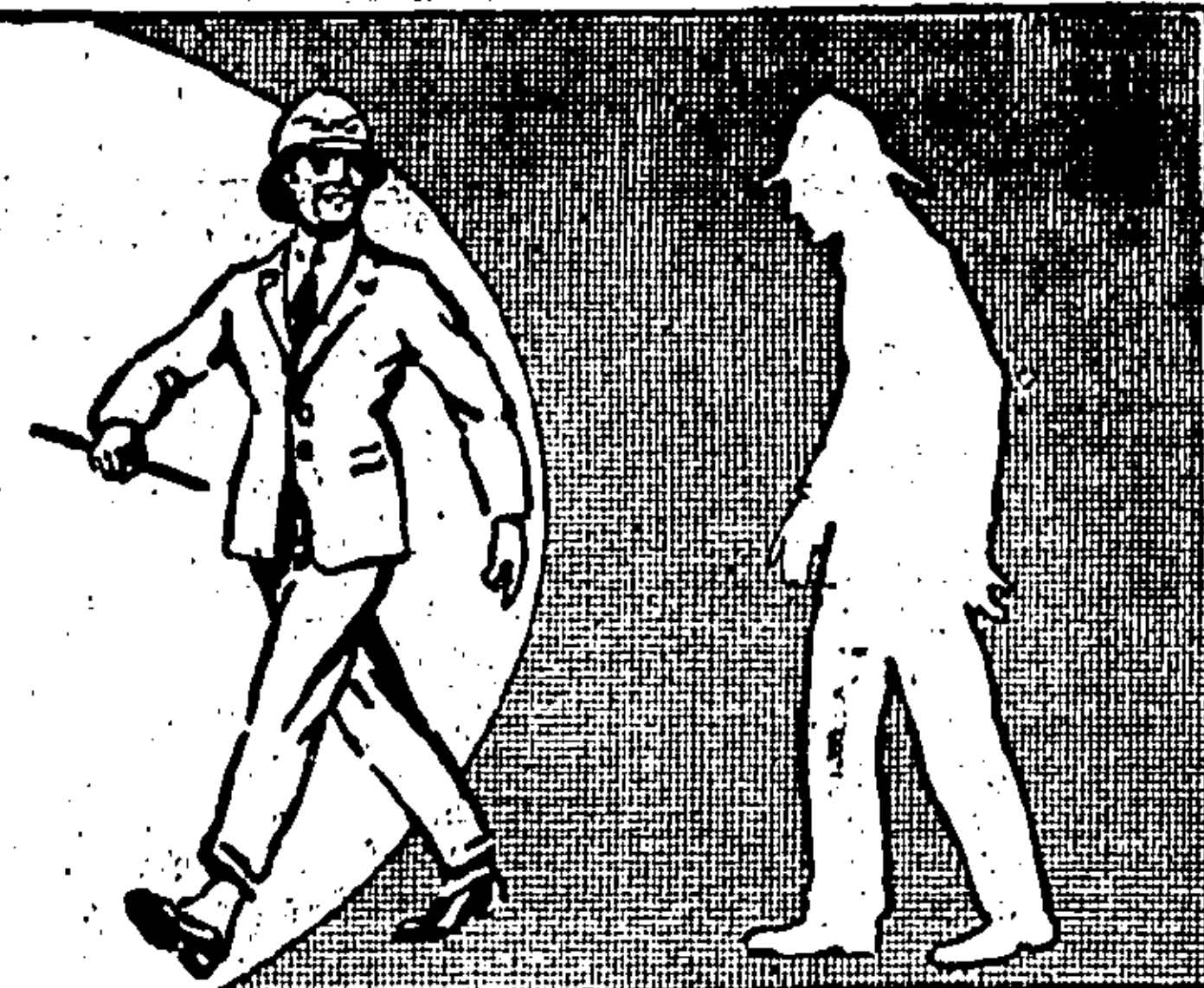
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



In the summer time, when all nature calls to its outdoor activities, a heavy toll is taken of the complexion if care be neglected in keeping the skin healthy. The modern mode demands that the complexion be perfect and that it harmonize with the day's ensemble—and particularly appear to advantage in the evening, when soft tones are emphasized.

Bathing, either in mountain lake or at the seaside, is one of the favourite summer diversions. Yachting, too, is desirable, and

these sports, while extremely pleasant, leave the skin tanned and peeling if not guarded against. An entire winter time is necessary to get the complexion back into ordinary tone if extreme caution be not exercised in the summer. And there is no bleach that may be safely used to remove tan within a short period. It takes weeks and sometimes months to remove the effects of a summer's tan.

The water robs the complexion of much of its natural oil, and the sun puts in its share in adding a deep burn that eventually gives a deep tan. The simple precaution of rubbing in a good cold cream to the exposed skin will do much to keep the skin in a normal condition. It should be applied freely and worked into the skin with soft, deft movements.

After a swim in the ocean or lake a cleansing bath is necessary. The skin after cleansing should be softly patted dry with absorbent linens and by no means rubbed. Next a soft film of cream should be applied, or a skin lotion, and then dust the complexion with talcum.

The lips, too, come in for their share of summer winds and suns and should be correctly treated to avoid chapped conditions. A good lip salve avoids broken skin or the lips.

Eyes should be taken care of. A solution of boric acid does wonders after a day in the open with hot sun, waves and winds.

In all the specialty shops that give such expert results in creating creams, salves and lotions there are to be found particular blends for each complexion. Powders, too, are selected in regard to the natural colour and texture of the skin. Perfumes, too, share in the art of making the body attractive, and all sorts of blends in perfumes are resorted to secure the correct perfume for both daytime sports and evening diversions.

The art of make-up should be studied. There is no necessity of leaving the face wearing a mask of lotions, creams, powders, rouges, mascara, salves and other so-called beautifying processes when by following the natural complexion and adding to it, covering its defects and lending colour and beauty, a distinctly charming effect may be obtained.

It should be recalled that in the summer, as the skin darkens in tone, a darker shade of powder should be applied. A rouge that harmonizes should be selected and used so that it cannot be discovered just where it begins or ends. Lips should be salved in a matching shade, but never with the vivid

tones that may be seen several blocks away. The natural should always be strived for, but the natural effect beautified.

In the daytime it is particularly important to apply colouring carefully. In the night time it may be used more generously, as the artificial lights make this possible. Lighter, warmer tints may be used for the daytime than are selected for the evening.

The hair, too, should receive constant thought. When it is noticed that the sun is drying it oil treatments should be used and much brushing done to bring back the sheen that makes it so beautiful.

Billie Dove, whose complexion at all times receives her great care, finds as active outdoor life demands constant diligence in retaining freshness and charm. Miss Dove is appearing in the First National film, "The Stolen Bride."

THE WARDROBE.

To Dye Assam Silk.

"M.L.L." has a good Assam silk dustcoat and asks whether this could be successfully dyed black at home.

Assam silks are a little difficult to dye satisfactorily—even professional dyers fail sometimes to get good results with them. They do not take up the dye readily, and, after dyeing, a peculiar steeliness usually is noticeable. A fairly good result may be obtained with any ordinary boiling dye of a well-known brand, as follows:—First boil the silk in four changes of soap suds, allowing it to boil for 10 minutes each time it comes to the boil. Rinse the silk in clear water, soap lightly and put into the dye bath. Allow 1½ packets of dye to each pound weight of silk, and 1½ heaping tablespoons of salt to each gallon of water. Keep the silk boiling in this solution for from 30 minutes to 1½ hours. Hang in a shade to dry before rinsing. When dry rinse until the water is clear. Never wring dyed materials or they may be streaky.

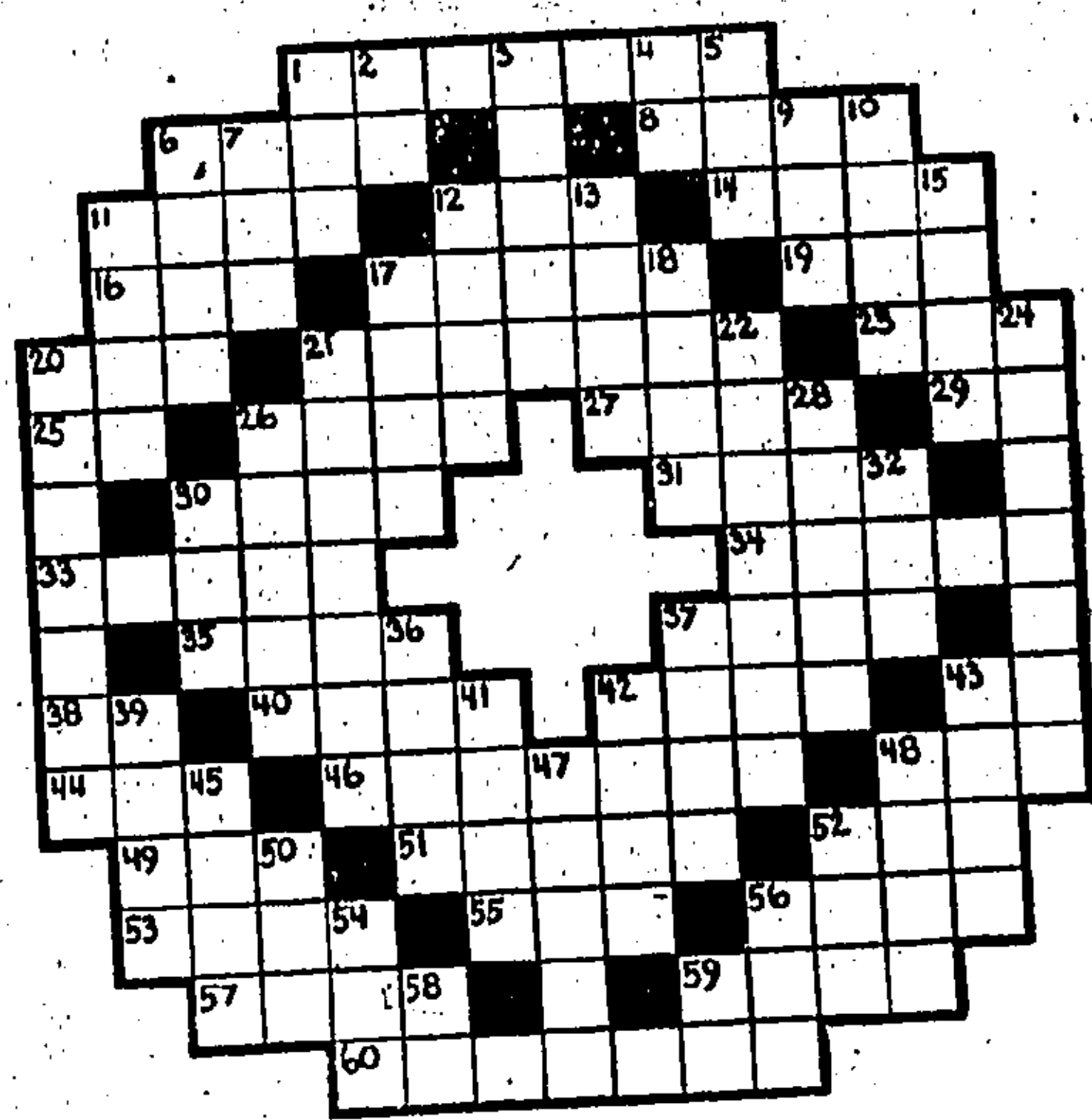
Spots on Georgette.

"Inquirer" asks how to remove spots from a once-worn carmine georgette dress without leaving a trace of them.

Petrol carefully applied should satisfactorily remove stains from coloured georgette. Place a pad of clean cloth or white blotting paper beneath the spots and change as soon as it becomes soiled. Sponge the stain, working from the outside of the mark towards the centre, with clean petrol, using a clean cloth, pre-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-4 mix playing cards before dealing
- 2-6 Foot-covering
- 3-Spheres
- 11-A chair
- 12-To dip in liquid
- 14-Kite
- 16-Cask
- 17-A tartan
- 19-To expire
- 20-Purpose
- 21-To praise unduly
- 23-To lay over as one laid upon another
- 25-N. Can. State (abbr.)
- 26-To petition
- 27-Part of the foot
- 28-Italian river
- 30-Money
- 31-A drama
- 33-To elevate
- 34-Unsuitable
- 35-Variety of palm tree
- 37-Religious denomination
- 38-For example (Latin-abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 40-Radicals
- 42-To put down a pavement
- 43-Adverb of degree
- 44-Obstruction
- 46-Completely filled
- 48-Measure of weight
- 49-Uncooked
- 51-Racket
- 52-To hold down
- 53-The husk of grain
- 55-A child
- 56-A long sharp tooth
- 57-Stepped
- 59-A dry excretion on the skin
- 60-A long pillow

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Spongy substance in plants
- 16-Harvest
- 17-Diagram
- 18-Abacus
- 20-Added to
- 21-To waste by degrees
- 22-To alleviate
- 24-Share
- 25-Article
- 26-A long spear
- 30-A mean fellow
- 32-Kill
- 34-Paradise
- 37-To satisfy the appetite
- 39-Apparel
- 41-Blemish
- 42-Annoyance
- 43-Melody with words
- 45-Market
- 47-Wild animal (pl.)
- 48-To color
- 50-Sherman called it "Hell"
- 52-Equality
- 54-Protuberance
- 55-Distant
- 58-Accomplish
- 59-You and I

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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SMOKE—LET'S
HAVE TWO OF
'EM!

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ARE WE GONNA
SMOKE 'EM? I CAN'T
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HOME—ANY HOW—KIN
WE CARRY 'EM?

I GOT AN IDEA
HE—YOU
PEDDLER!

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BAD!

I THINK WE HAD
BETTER HIRE
THIS GUY DURIN'
OUR STAY IN
TURKEY!



RUSSIAN POWER.

SERIOUSLY STRAINED IN CHINA.

Peking, Aug. 25. Russian influence in China is at least badly bent and it may already virtually have broken under the strain to which it has been subjected in the last three months.

This is the general opinion of informed foreign observers following the departure from Hankow of Michael Borodin, former chief adviser to the Wuhan regime in Hankow, and General Gallen, the chief military adviser of the southernists. General Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Nanking regime, is given much of the credit for the decline in Russian power in the affairs of the Kuomintang. Chiang Kai-shek broke with the Russians last spring, denounced Borodin, and set up an independent regime with headquarters in Nanking after his capture of Shanghai. Chiang accused the Russians of fostering a communist hegemony and set himself up as a violent anti-communist. He, in turn, was denounced by the Communist internationale in Moscow which is generally believed to have supported the Russian advisers to the South China movement.

With Chiang's defection, which was followed by a raid on the premises of the Russian Embassy in Peking by police of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the subsequent departure of the Russian Ambassador and his suite, the influence of Soviet Russia in China waned steadily. Japan sent troops into Shantung Province, "to protect the lives and property" of Japanese residents in that area, the successful Southern drive towards Peking, virtually collapsed, and finally according to Chinese Nationalist sources, Borodin and Gallen were forced to leave Hankow. Their present whereabouts are uncertain although Borodin has been reliably reported at Kulin and Gallen presumably is with him.

With this situation prevailing, and Marshal Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin firmly in the saddle in Peking and most of North China, the ancient capital is the quietest it has been in months. Talk of Southern propaganda, Communist plots, the possibility of military corps and other rumours of bloodshed and sudden death which were rampant here following the Nanking outrages, largely have disappeared. Even the Chinese, always fond of disseminating the wildest rumours, are hard put to find a new daily thriller.

Whatever the eventual outcome may be—and no competent observer can be found in Peking who will forecast anything like an early solution of the so-called "China problem"—there can be doubt that Soviet Russia has left an imprint upon Chinese life which never will be erased.

Russian advisers taught China a great deal of organization, they implanted a spirit into Chinese workers and farmers which is going to make hard-sledding for ambitious and selfish Chinese generals for years to come, and they showed the Chinese what is dangerous of all, from the viewpoint of foreigners resident in this country, that many of the provisions in the treaties between China and the Powers can be flouted with more or less impunity.

Propaganda, heretofore a rather minor force in China's wars and politics became a major weapon under Russian direction. It won thousands of miles of territory for the Nationalists, threw the scare of their lives into the northern military leaders, and taught China with graphic effectiveness the truth that the pen is mightier than the sword.

Russians fostered the youth movement in China until it has reached a point where it is not likely to be downed; they furthered the beginnings of a feminist movement; they gave vast impetus to the formation of labour and proletarian organizations and they gave a vast push to the rising tide of Chinese nationalism which has placed the whole question of the relations between China and the Powers on a new footing.

Just how much money and how many men Russia put into the China venture is uncertain. It probably was large, but not nearly as large as the die-hard press in the Treaty Ports would have the world believe. It is certain, however, that Russia did make a great effort and that whatever the future may bring she has failed largely in her major objectives.

In the immediate future, many observers believe, the Russians may throw most of their support to Marshal Feng Yu-shiang,

PRINCE FUSHIMI.

STORY OF THE NAVAL DISASTER.

Tokyo, August 27. Prince Takamatsu, brother of the Emperor, remained on deck of the battle-cruiser "Kongo" all night personally assisting in the rescue work at the scene of Wednesday's naval disaster 20 miles off Mihonoseki.

Even after retiring the Prince remained long awake through his deep concern over the 119 missing officers and seamen, and repeatedly sent his aide-de-camp to the deck for further information. Lieutenant Prince Hirofushi Fushimi, who was on board the cruiser "Naka" which was damaged in a collision with the destroyer "Ashi" immediately after the disaster "Warabi" had been sent to the bottom by the destroyer "Jintan" gave an eye-witness story of the naval practice which culminated disastrously when the smoke screen thrown out by the cruisers worked too effectively in the pitch black night.

Nearly Knocked Down.

"At the time of the accident I was taking part in naval manoeuvres off Mihonoseki as torpedo commander of the 'Naka'," he said.

At about 11.25 o'clock the sham battle was at its height and all lights aboard the "Naka" had been extinguished. Standing on the bridge I was just giving an order to discharge a blank torpedo when I was nearly knocked down by a terrific shock and a grinding sound. A moment later our ship was listing badly.

"Immediately the battle practice was called off. Fortunately I was not injured but I feel intensely sorry for the victims of the accident."

Yesterday the cruisers "Kino," "Abukuma" and "Yura" and 13 destroyers were remaining at the scene of the disaster to carry on a search for the missing officers and men, totalling 119. Ten seaplanes also were co-operating with the naval vessels in the rescue work.

Airplanes Search.

Rear-Admiral Takahashi commanded the 13 destroyers, while the three cruisers which constitute the Third Battle Squadron were commanded by Rear-Admiral Takino.

All airplanes available at the naval port will be dispatched this morning to the scene to assist in the almost hopeless search for the missing officers and men, who perished despite the fact they all were considered good swimmers. The destroyer "Kuro" was sent from the Maizuru naval station to assist the search. Simultaneously Admiral Kato, commander of the naval base, gave out a statement expressing regret.

"The type of naval practice in which the four naval vessels collided in action is the most important and at the same time the most dangerous of the naval manoeuvres attempted each year. The operation of squadrons has been increased in speed annually and the practice has grown in intensity until it approached that of a real conflict, that of 27 metres a second."

"In addition to this speed, it is required that all lights be extinguished, increasing the danger of accidents. In the face of these perils, the commander and his men endeavour to attain the best possible results and at the same time to be as careful as possible. I wish the public would realise this."

Safety in Future.

"I hope that we shall be able to prevent the recurrence of similar disasters in the future by means of more complete safety provisions, and I express thanks for the many inquiries and condolences received about the recent disaster."

The destroyer "Warabi" will be abandoned as it is considered impossible to refloat it on account of the depth at the spot, which exceeds 60 metres.

Engineer Bluejacket Shirashi succumbed to injuries in the "Maizuru" naval hospital yesterday morning. He was the sole survivor of the "Warabi's" seamen. Before his death he declared that the destroyer was running at a speed of 28 knots. He was knocked unconscious by the impact.

A torpedo flotilla was searching for the bodies within a radius of 30 miles yesterday but none of the 119 corpses was found.

one time "Christian general" of China who has been close to Moscow every since he held Peking some two and one-half years ago. Feng's star, which seemed to be setting after his defeat at the Nankou Pass outside Peking by Marshal Chang Tso-lin a year ago, has been ascending again in recent weeks. The strength of his army now scattered through Shensi and northern Honan, is not known here and is an apparent source for the military supplies he would have for any really big campaign; but if Russia throws the bulk of her support to him, he may again become a major figure in the chaotic political-military puzzle which is the China of today. — Miles W. Vaughn, "United Press."

WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION.

EQUALITY WITH MEN COSTS MANY LIVES.

Berlin, Aug. 14. Women pay dearly for emancipation. With the attainment of social and economic equality, and at least as the indirect result thereof, suicide among women has been steadily increasing, according to Professor Hanauer, who has expounded this theory in a recent issue of the "Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift."

As proof of his contention, Professor Hanauer points out that suicide among women, which has been generally increasing in almost all civilized countries, has increased strongly in industrial districts where emancipation is most pronounced. In Berlin and the province of Saxony, for instance, where a few decades ago the ratio of female and male suicide was approximately one to three, it is now 75 to 100, and 47 to 100 respectively.

In Russia, this change is noticeable even more pronouncedly. There, Professor Hanauer claims, the pre-war ratio of women and men suicides was one to four, whereas now it is five to seven.

If one were to include in these statistics the figures for attempted suicides, the proportion of women would be even greater. Already now, more women than men are attempting it. But they still shrink from using fire arms and rope and prefer poison or drowning, where the chances of being rescued are greater. — United Press.

JAPANESE IN MUKDEN.

CHINESE OFFICIALS AND JAPANESE WIVES.

The Chinese demand for the removal of Japanese residents within the walls of Mukden to anywhere outside the Chinese city appears as insistent as ever, says the "Manchurian Daily News." A certain Mr. Nishihara at the Outer West Gate, who had been asked to move outside the wall time and again, was visited by an official of the International Settlement Police on August 24, who threatened to seal up the door unless the Japanese left. The man applied to the Consulate-General for protection.

Nishihara's house and several others in the neighbourhood are owned by the Chinese police, to whom the rent is being paid regularly. The term of rent is indefinite.

It is thought the higher Chinese officials know nothing about the demand to vacate the houses, and it is more likely that a few officials of the International Settlement Office, who have married Japanese women, want houses furnished in Japanese style.

KISS IN THE DARK.

A kiss in the dark got a Frenchman out of prison the other day.

The prisoner, Fritz Gabriel, had been behind the bars for two years and had several more to serve. His wife came to see him. At the leave-taking in the dark corridor Gabriel and his wife embraced with especial warmth, the parting kiss being so movie-like in length that the guards noticed it and were moved.

Gabriel had a slip of paper in his cheek. It passed his wife's lips during the embrace. On the paper was written:

"To-morrow, during the recreation hour, I will jump over the wall. Have a vehicle waiting for me on the other side of the moat."

Mrs. Gabriel had the vehicle. Her husband got away and hasn't been heard of since. She was detained by the authorities.

FEWER NEURASTHENICS.

AMONG GERMAN ARTISTS OF TO-DAY.

Homer Saint-Gaudens, director of fine arts at Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, finds that the neurasthenic in German art has practically disappeared.

Saint-Gaudens is touring Europe to select pictures by prominent artists to be exhibited at Pittsburgh, beginning October 14. In Berlin a luncheon was given in his honour by the cultural division of the foreign office.

"Immediately after the war," Saint-Gaudens said, "Germany, like many other countries, produced a number of neurasthenics in art, whose productions were of a decidedly freakish nature. I find that now, after stable conditions have been established in the republic, the neurasthenics are rapidly disappearing."



Gen. Alvaro Obregon, well known in Mexican politics, whose hat has been thrown into the ring as a possible successor to President Calles in the next election in the Republic of Mexico. This late picture of General Obregon has just arrived.

appearing. There is much earnest, sincere endeavour by well-balanced artists.

"German present-day art differs from French or Spanish in that apparently greater emphasis is laid upon the manner of execution. In Spain and France, matter is supreme, manner secondary."

"FRAULEIN BEROLINA."

TEMPORARILY EXILED TO BERLIN SUBURBS.

"Fraulein Berolina" has been banned to the suburbs.

"Berolina" is a heroic female figure adorning the Alexander Platz in the heart of the city. It symbolises the City of Berlin, and has for many years towered for above the turmoil and confusion of this busy square.

Excavation in the building of a new subway station made necessary the temporary removal of the gigantic statue. "Berolina" was taken out into an obscure suburb, where she is being "parked" until she can resume her old stand opposite the office of the chief of police.

PRESS APPOINTMENT.

Peking, Aug. 23. Nallet Abend, formerly editor of the Peking Leader, has been appointed correspondent for the "New York Times" here, replacing Frederick Moore who will return to the United States after a trip to South China and Japan. Abend formerly served on the "Los Angeles Times" and later was correspondent for the Philadelphia Public Ledger in Canton. — United Press.

BURGLARY EPIDEMIC.

TEN FOREIGN HOUSES ROBBED.

A serious burglary was committed between the hours of 2 and 3 last Sunday morning, says the "Taiping Times," at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Bell of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Tsingtao. The thieves entered the house by a French window opening upon the lower verandah.

Miss Hamilton, a guest at the house, came home at 2 a.m. from a dance and noticed that the drawing-room door was open and the dog was not in. The thief had actually begun his work and was perhaps in the house when she disturbed him or them, as all the doors were closed when the master of the house went to bed at midnight. Fortunately, probably, for her, she did not investigate.

The thief must have lain low for about half an hour and then started in again, completing his work at 3 a.m. when his footsteps on stairs were heard by Mr. Bell, who not having heard Miss Hamilton's return thought it was she.

The robbery was discovered at 6 a.m. and the police at once informed. The total value of the stolen property is over \$900.

The detectives found that the same thief had tried to rob a house in the Linyang Road before proceeding to the Bell's house but the houseboy caught him in the act and after thrashing him let him go. The Tsingtao paper hopes that this case will not be dropped as other cases have, for things are becoming so bad in Tsingtao and so encouraging for robbers that this form of work must become more and more popular.

A correspondent writes that this is the tenth house the unknown burglars have broken into within the last two months. At most of the places they have been amply rewarded. It seems the burglars have taken a strong liking to foreign inhabited places where they know they will find something of value.

The local police (in spite of their famous police-dogs) do not seem to have done anything to trace the burglars who evidently know the value of foreign silver. At some places distinct Chinese fingerprints have been discovered.

Practically every house of importance has been cleaned out, says the writer.

HOPPY, THE LINKMAN.

A familiar person in attendance at all the big parties and other evening functions of the social season is "Hoppy" the linkman in London.

This top-hatted figure, with gleaming silk wig and red waistcoat, carries a square lantern with a lighted candle in it. His duty is to open the doors of arriving automobiles and usher guests to the door of the mansion they are visiting.

The real name of this old time lantern bearer, who might be a figure straight out of a Dickens novel, is Richard Trebilcock, but to many people, including the Prince of Wales, he is familiarly known as "Hoppy."

His candle lantern is a direct link with days when London was ill-lighted and when guests, making their way to and from receptions, were accompanied by boys with torches.

"Hoppy" today is the best known and most eagerly sought after linkman in London. His father was a linkman before him. Not until he has seen the last guests into their automobiles is "Hoppy's" task ended.

PAIN IN THE STOMACH.

It is most annoying, as well as disagreeable to be troubled with pains in the stomach, and there is no need of it, for one dose of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy will allay the pain. Sold everywhere.

MR. RILEY.

DEATH NO LONGER IN DOUBT.

The disappearance of Mr. Riley, the Special Correspondent of "The Times," without a trace or clue, is a matter of grave significance. It is not necessary to argue that the life of a newspaper correspondent is of any more value than that of any other citizen, though the newspaper correspondent has been called the ambassador of the public, and is entrusted with a mission on behalf of the public, to ascertain matters of interest and report them. The special significance of Mr. Riley's death—for the fact of his demise can no longer be in doubt—lies in the secrecy of the circumstances. He went alone out for a walk in the vicinity of Chengchow, Honan, announcing that he was going to a neighbouring village, and evidently feeling quite at ease, but from that time he was not seen or heard of again. The obvious conclusion is that he was murdered, and his body made away with; but it cannot be proved. The militarist ruler of the area, who happened to be Feng Yu-shiang, when appealed to, pointed out that the missing man had no passport for that province and had given no official notice of his presence, therefore the Chinese authorities could not be responsible for his safety, but Feng undertook to make inquiries. Dr. C. T. Wang personally made an investigation, but found no clue to the mystery.

It will not have been lost upon so astute a chieftain as Feng Yu-shiang, or so discerning a publicist as Dr. C. T. Wang, that discovery and publication of circumstances such as we are driven to suspect in this case, namely the perpetration of a foul murder, would redound to the discredit of the local Nationalist Government. However, genuine may have been their attempts to find a solution of the mystery, the incentive in their case was in the opposite direction; the only reward they would expect to get for laying bare the details of the presumed murder would be an indemnity claim. In the absence of proofs there can be no claim.

It will not be surprising, having in view the subtleties of Chinese character, if a thick screen of smoke is thrown over other outrages in the interior. From the Chinese official point of view, this will save much trouble. The report of the murder of a party of foreigners from Kansu while travelling on the S.V. border of China did not come through Chinese official channels but from India via the Himalayan Native States. We may surmise, as a mere speculation, that the Chinese officials of the border country will be plunged in deep ignorance of the whole affair, and that no Chinese in the district will be found to confess that he knows anything about it. The self-interest of the local authorities will be to hush up the crime and shield the criminals, and in this they will have the support of the provincial government, and in this they will have the support of the provincial government, and they would have the approval of the Central Government if there were one. The Riley case opens up a new vista of crime without consequences and murder with impunity, and increases the risk of residence in the interior. A number of missionaries have begun to move back to their stations, either for temporary stay, for the purpose of making plans for the winter season or for permanent residence if things appear quiet. They go at their own risk. In the case of women and children, at all events, the British Consular authorities acting upon their instructions are understood to have firmly refused to sanction return to interior stations, while certain agencies have instructed their missionary members not to return without such sanction. These decisions seem inevitable in the circumstances. The demon of violence and outrage thus appears to have won the first round in this never-ending contest. His victory cannot last. The immense value of missionary labour in the interior, not only in medical work but in many other spheres, will begin to be realised the more keenly when it is withdrawn. As the wheel goes round we can foresee the time when there will be the most urgent appeals for foreign missionary aid in the interior. The responsible foreign Governments will then be in a position to demand that before this is permitted, the various administrations must do what every civilised government does—they must take the responsibility for the preservation of life and property in their area, and for the pursuit and punishment of criminals. When this is realised it will appear that, even at the risk of bringing unwelcome consequences upon themselves, it will be better for local authorities to bring crime into the light of day, and to ferret out the criminals instead of hiding them, or making confederates of them. — N. C. Daily Mail.

WOODS'S SUCCESSOR.

JUSTICE JOHNSON WANTED BY BAR.

Although the majority of the members of the Philippine Bar Association are individually in favour of sending the name of Mr. Justice E. Finley Johnson, of the Philippine Supreme Court, to the President of the United States as candidate for the position of Governor General of the Philippine Islands, they are not as a body inclined to endorse it, according to Judge Jose Abad Santos, president of the association.

Out of respect to Acting Governor General Gilmore, whose permanent appointment has been recommended by the American Chamber of Commerce, and as a matter of policy of the association, according to Judge Santos, that body will not consider the candidacy of any individual. Judge Santos, however, intimated that the appointment of Justice Johnson would be acceptable to the association.

Justice Johnson is continually receiving letters from friends in Manila and in the United States, urging him to become a candidate. It was learned from him recently, "I have told them I do not like to become a candidate for the position, although I would like to be in a place where I could help the Filipino people more," the justice told a "Bulletin" reporter.

Another member of the Supreme Court, hearing that Justice Johnson's name was being mentioned for Governor General, said:

"He would adorn the office, but we do not feel that we could spare him from the bench."

U.S. TOURIST.

SPENDS \$1,000 IN FRANCE.

Every fourth tourist in France is an American, statistics show, but that one spends about as much as the other three.

France had something over a million tourists last year, says Pierre Audigier, secretary-general of the 700 associations trying to attract foreign money. This year, however, he looks for a good increase in numbers if not in dollars. (The average American, his records indicate, spends about \$1,000 in France. This is more than four times as much as a travelling Spaniard, and more than tourists of other nationalities spend.)

A little more than two-thirds of all Americans who cross the Atlantic go to France.

HEDGEHOG PETS.

The street tortoise seller has long been a feature of London. His strange wares are eagerly bought by suburban householders who place them in their small gardens and make pets of them as far as possible.

Now the tortoise vendor has a rival. Trucks laden with hedgehogs are to be seen on the streets. A brisk business is done. Hedgehogs are useful to fruit and flower growers. They eat cockroaches and garden pests. When such dishes fail, they live quite happily on bread and milk.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on September 1, 1927: CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam Byewash	471.15	Level
Tytam Byewash	7.5	Do.
Tytam Intermediate	Level	Do.
Tytam Tuk	Do.	Do.
Wong Nel Chung	137.7	32.2
Pokfulum	8.4	Level
Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow".		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1926	1927
Tytam	848.88	884.80
Tytam Byewash	32.68	22.87
Tytam Intermediate	105.90	105.90
Tytam Tuk	1,419.00	1,419.00
Wong Nel Chung	15.08	28.34
Pokfulum	47.78	66.00

Total 2,034.82 2,114.41
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1926	1927
Consumption	272.29	333.42
Estimated population 404,180	414,600	
per day	21.7	25.9
Intermittent Supply in all Rides Main Districts up to the 1st and Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts from August 2 to 31, 1927.		

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during August 1927: KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	Level	Level
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	Do.	Do.
Reception Reservoir	Do.	Do.
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	852.50	852.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	100.80	100.80
Reception Reservoir		

Total 453.30 453.30
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1926	1927
Consumption	32.91	109.18
Estimated population 156,460	156,460	
per day	47.1	21.5
Full Supply in all districts during August 1926 and 1927.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall in August, 1927, 1.19 in.		



President Coolidge enjoying a shady ride through the woods near his summer home in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Mrs. Coolidge sitting beside the President.



FARCICAL FLEET.

SQUADRON THAT REFUSES TO FIGHT.

Chefoo, Aug. 25.
The antics of the Northern Navy have always been the subject of sarcastic comment from the Shantung population whose opinion of it at this time is that it should be scrapped and sold as junk. From inability to put to sea in rough weather and refusal to meet the much inferior Southern Squadron, to bickering among its officers in respect of the division of filthy lucre, it has earned for itself a most unenviable reputation. And now, to cap the story, we have the spectacle of a port not more than 110 miles away from Tsingtao that is bandit infested, and yet the commanders of the Northern Navy are afraid to take any action. Ships are boarded in Haichow and passengers and officers carried off for ransom, as witness the case of the Japanese steamer "Ping Chun," and nothing is done to put an end to these nefarious activities.

All that the Admiral cares for is his monthly stipend and his share of such "squeezes" as are levied from time to time upon the commercial bodies. The Chinese Navy has always had extraordinary conceptions of its duties. Its units have done things worthy of pirates and smugglers, ignoring international laws and repudiating allegiance to the Central Government. It has been known to declare independence on more than one occasion, thereby creating the spectacle of a fleet without a country! But the Northern Squadron has been the greatest scandal. It does not even know the International Naval Code. It flies all kinds of signals, according to its own fancies and whims. It either fails to return salutes or takes hours to return them. Its best speed is about 5½ knots, and it is barnacle-bladen from stem to stern.

Chameleon Admiral.

Nobody now hears of Admiral Wen Shou-teh, but he will always be remembered as "The Chameleon Admiral." The day before yesterday he belonged to the North, yesterday to the South and to-day again to the North. Nobody could ever essay a guess as to whom he would belong to on the morrow. Moreover, he had extraordinary theories in regard to the financing of his squadron. First, he would demand money from the treasury of the Kiaotsi Railway, and he did get away with one contribution before the Japanese put a stop to it. Then he would simply inform the Tsingtao Chamber of Commerce that he needed such a sum, and invariably the Chamber took the hint.

Oh, yes! Admiral Wen was a great financier in his time—and he still probably is, though, as already said, no one hears of him these days. He may not have had the best squadron in the Orient but he certainly had the best racing stable in Tsingtao, and he had the best cellar, and the best... but why make the admiral sore?

Every time the Northern Fleet steams out of Chefoo, the natives would give a sigh, probably hoping that it would either get blown to perdition or captured by the Japanese Navy on behalf of Japanese docks to which the Northern Fleet has been owing money these past eleven years! But it would invariably turn up at Tsingtao. And every time steams out of Tsingtao, the good people there hope pretty nearly the thing but it has that persistence and knack of steaming back into Chefoo that are worthy of a better cause.

Fair-Weather Ships.

"It is the 'good luck fleet,'" said a local Chinese business man to the writer the other day, "because it has never yet encountered stormy weather!" The sore thing about the Northern Fleet, according to the good people of Shantung, is that whereas the generals and quasi-generals have at last put up some kind of fight at one time or other thereby raking their necks for the purpose of preserving their "faces," the fleet has consistently refused to do any fighting, either with the Southern Squadron or against the bandits at Haichow, only 110 miles from Tsingtao.

So much for the Northern Navy!—N. C. Daily News

EVERYBODY USES IT.

That's one great thing about Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: every one is a friend, and is glad to tell her neighbour all about it. It is certainly great for coughs and colds, for croup and any kind of cough that hits either the young or the elderly people. Sold and recommended everywhere.

P. I. "PARLIAMENT."

COOLIDGE NOT DISPOSED TO CHANGE.

Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 2.
It was regarded as unlikely here to-day that President Coolidge would be disposed to consider a change in the form of government in the Philippines.

No word has been sent to the President regarding a movement of a semi-parliamentary form of government there.—Associated Press.

Nothing from Gilmore.

Washington, Sept. 2.

The War Department to-day said that it had received nothing from acting Governor-General Gilmore regarding the proposed establishment of a semi-parliamentary form of government in the Philippines.—Associated Press.

Guevara Against It.

Washington, Sept. 3.

Commissioner Pedro Guevara to-day expressed opposition to the semi-parliamentary form of government for the Philippines under discussion in Manila. The Commissioner said that he had come across no indications in Washington of official communication between Washington and the Insular officials as reported from Manila.

Explaining why he did not favour the proposed change, Guevara said:—"I believe it cannot be done for, it goes against the political institutions of the United States. If any plan of this sort were accomplished it would be a mere administrative policy without Congressional action. Any Congressional action should be in line with the presidential system of government, with which the American people are familiar. To establish the British type of government in the Philippines while under the American flag would be subject to opposition and objection in this country."

"I agree with the American people that the political structure of their government is far superior to any other system of government known at present. The parliamentary system of government is very unstable. We have a practical illustration of its failure in Ireland, where in less than five months there will be held two elections. No constructive programme could be executed in the midst of continual political agitation, for it is natural political parties, especially the one in the minority, will strive to turn down the majority, and to accomplish this requires agitation and public opinion."—Associated Press.

Bingham at Rapid City.

Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3.

The Corridges were given a farewell lawn party by their neighbours at the game lodge this afternoon. Hundreds of callers were present. Mrs. Coolidge ate ice cream with the guests.

Senator Hiram Bingham was among the week-end guests. He is expected to express his views to the president regarding the Far East and the Philippines.—Associated Press.

FRENCH GIRL.

STARTLING VIEWS ON AMERICANS.

Paris, Aug. 15.
Frenchmen, who thought that all Americans at home "toted" revolvers, now have been told that the revolver has given way to a flask of whisky in the hip pocket.

This is the message concerning America brought back by Mademoiselle Roberte Cussey, just returned from Galveston, Texas, where she represented the French Republic in the international beauty pageant. Mademoiselle Cussey spoke kindly of Americans and their hospitality toward her, but French reporters found that the representative of



BUST OF LINDBERGH

Bust of Col. Charles Lindbergh recently completed by Cyrus E. Dallin, famous Boston sculptor. The wings of the Viking are on Lindbergh's helmet.

France was just a little frightened of both American men and women. "Americans are good-looking, strong men" she said. "They always go around in shirt-sleeves, with always a cigar in their mouth and a flask of whisky in their revolver pocket."

"The women are painted in three colours—the face white, cheeks red and eyelids blue. They are always in automobiles, little green automobiles, where they remain very well in bathing suits until evening. But everyone is kind, lively and energetic. And neither sex is afraid of anything."

"The American women wear shirts shorter than we do. As they stand up, their skirts fall above their knees, and when they sit down their skirts mount much higher. 'Sometimes when the men have put little too much whisky in their ginger ale, they become a little familiar, but upon a little warning they again become very correct.'"

Mademoiselle Cussey said she threw over a movie contract of \$300 a week because she "became homesick for France."—United Press.

MYSTERY FIRE.

Fire of undetermined origin burned the commercial section of Aparri at 2 o'clock last Friday morning reports the "Manila Bulletin," reducing to ashes the municipal presidencia, eight strong material buildings and many small ones, according to a constabulary report from Captain Alberto Ramos, provincial commander of Cagayan. The damage was estimated at more than P1,000,000.

The townspeople, assisted by the constabulary, the police and school children extinguished the flames. Lack of fire fighting apparatus and the strong wind which fanned the blaze were responsible for the spread of the fire.

MR. DOLE.

HEARTBROKEN OVER LOSS OF LIFE.

San Francisco, Sept. 6.
Mayor James Rolph to-day issued an appeal to citizens of the Bay Cities to give generously of flowers which will form, scattered broadcast over the surging Pacific, a last tribute to the daring fliers who lost their lives in the Dole Contest flight to Honolulu.

Special tribute will be paid to the memory of Miss Mildred Doran, pretty and adventurous school-teacher who vanished together with the airplane bearing her name.

Dole, Broken Hearted.

Simultaneously with the issuance of Mayor Rolph's appeal there arrived in San Francisco a broken man, accompanied by his family. He is James Dole, Hawaiian pineapple king who light-heartedly offered a large cash prize as what he believed would be a stimulus to aviation progress and who watched with bitter sorrow while life after life was lost as a result. "Jim" Dole, as he is known throughout the country, is bowed by the tragedy for which he cannot but hold himself responsible however innocently. But he is striving to take a same attitude on the situation.

Hope for Future.

Interviewed to-day, he once more expressed the greatest regret over the tragic circumstances surrounding the flight contest, but said although the present stage of aviation development had allowed loss of life in this instance, he wished to reiterate his belief that further development of aviation will at an early date make trans-Pacific commercial flying safe.

"I will try to forget the lamentable things that have happened," he concluded.

Flowers to Ship.

Mayor Rolph's official proclamation requests that citizens of San Francisco send flowers to the steamship "Maui," of the Matson Navigation Company, some time prior to its departure for Honolulu on September 14, when brief memorial services will be conducted. Officers of the "Maui" will strew the flowers on the surface of the Pacific when the ship is 600 miles out from the Golden Gate.—United Press.

RUM TRADE.

LEAGUE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER SMUGGLING.

Geneva, Sept. 5.
Rum running into the United States was looked upon as likely to become one of the foremost subjects of consideration as the League of Nations Assembly opened here to-day.

Delegations from Finland, Holland and Sweden have urged that alcoholism be officially placed on the agenda. Many Americans are present as observers.

Alberto Guans, the Uruguayan Minister to France, to-day was elected president of the assembly. Forty-eight countries were represented at to-day's session, most of which was taken up with the election of officers. It was a picturesque scene, as nearly every hue of human skin was visible. Native costumes were missing, however.

For the first time in the history of the League, the President was not dressed in formal morning clothes. Instead, he wore a plain blue sack coat without waistcoat, as the day was warm.

The assembly was opened with an address by President Villegas, of the League Council.—Associated Press.

DIVORCE HAVEN.

PARIS LOSES ITS REPUTATION.

Paris, Aug. 28.
Paris is losing its reputation as the paradise for American divorcees. Many of the scores of American wives and husbands—mostly the former—who are arriving at Cherbourg and Havre this summer to seek the aid of the sympathetic Paris courts in ending their unhappy state, are likely to return home disillusioned, determined to pick out Reno, the next time.

For the Paris tribunals, hurt by the reputation that American divorcees have brought them are becoming less and less sympathetic as regards the marital troubles of American couples. Paris judges are demanding proof of a real residence in France and a longer sojourn before accepting suits in divorce.

Another annoyance has arisen for prospective American divorcees in Paris. Too much publicity now attaches to these divorces, whereas the absence of publicity was usually a primary reason for an American man or woman seeking a divorce in the French capital.

American lawyers who specialize in Paris divorces have been worried about this state of affairs for some time, and a movement has now been started to favour the tribunal at Pontoise, a sleepy little town near Paris, with the American separations.

A Paris publication describes as follows how Pontoise has welcomed the new industry: "Pontoise quickly capitulated under an intensive bombardment of dollars. Hurrah! Hurrah! divorces it will at Pontoise."—United Press.

P. I. AUTONOMY.

TO BE STUDIED BY U.S. LAWMAKERS.

Washington, Sept. 4.
It is generally expected here that some Congressional group will endeavour to ascertain the strength of sentiment in the Philippines for autonomy in the near future, and will take up the problem of working out a solution of Filipino Governmental problems.

Insular Bureau officials say, however, that there has not been any exchange of communications between Manila and Washington regarding the project of a "semi-parliamentary insular government" as reported in Manila Press dispatches. In some quarters it is believed that some such plan is developing among Filipino politicians in Manila but all quarters unite in declaring that such a scheme has not received official attention.—United Press.

MURDER SEQUEL.

Madrid, Aug. 11.
A Bavarian who gives the name of Carlos von Arco has been arrested near Ciudad Real, and has confessed that it was he who assassinated Kurt Eisner, the President of the Bavarian Republic, in February, 1919.

Arco has been living with a doctor since August of last year. He gave out that he was a baron, and that during the war he had been a pilot and had brought down 58 Allied aeroplanes. The doctor began to have doubts and applied to the police for information about his guest. The police discovered that he had deserted from the Spanish Foreign Legion and had twice been arrested for swindling. When told that he would be sent back to Bavaria, it is alleged that he said he would kill himself rather than go and then confessed that he had killed Eisner.

"RETRENCHMENT."

VALUABLE RAILWAY OFFICIALS DISMISSED.

Peking, Aug. 31.
General Chang Yin-hui, acting Minister of Communications, recently issued orders to the four Government Railways as well as the Chinese Postal Administration ordering the Directors to devise measures of retrenchment in their respective administrations, on account of the financial difficulties of the Government.

The Peking-Mukden administration, of which General Chang is the concurrent Director, in reply reports the dismissal of 31 foreign employees, including Mr. Ritchie as well as the foreign chief electrician of the railway works at Tongshan, Mr. Bates and also 40 Chinese employees of various grades.

The foreign medical officer of the P.M. Line in Peking and three foreign female shorthand clerks of the traffic and locomotive departments have also been discharged from the service.

According to the Director, a monthly saving has thus been effected for the administration, of about \$75,000. General Chang, however, is still not satisfied because he wants a retrenchment of \$100,000 a month. Hence further dismissals are expected shortly.

STRANGE APPARITION.

STIRS ITALIAN SCIENTISTS AND CHURCHMEN.

Altino, Aug. 17.

The strange case of the unexplainable apparition here of an image of "Our Lady of Sorrows" has begun to interest both scientists and the Church. Discussion arrays itself between Christian miracle and mass suggestion, with psychologists and prelates entering the controversy.

By an oak-tree in the field of a certain farmer Cesare Ricci, a vision of the Madonna, varying in size from two and a half to five square feet has been seen and vouched for by a number of responsible persons.

The image of the Madonna was first perceived by two little girls of Altino, Firmiana and Dena Dracella, and then later by their parents. Subsequently, a number of villagers declared they had seen the vision, which took the form of a luminous image or picture of "Our Lady of Sorrows," suspended in the air at a distance of a couple of feet from the tree.

After the report of advocate Alfonso Consalvo, King's Procurator, at the tribunal of Lanciano, scientists have set themselves to explain the curious phenomenon.

Convinced that some one was trying to mystify the people of the countryside with an optical trick, the court official visited the "miraculous" tree himself in company with his wife.

"While I was laughing with my wife," stated the Advocate Consalvo, "at the credulity of the peasants, I saw quite detached from the tree, an image of the Madonna. The image bore a diadem on its head, and a necklace hung from the neck. My wife, as well as Dr. Pace saw the vision at the same moment. We changed our position, but the image remained. We cut away the leaves of the tree behind it, but it did not vanish."

In view of this evidence, local scientists have investigated the phenomenon, declaring themselves in general of the opinion that the case is one of collective or mass suggestion.

But against this verdict is to be opposed the opinion of the psychiatrist, Commendatore Pietro D'Ovidio, of Lanciano, who has declared that he has seen the image himself. He denies absolutely that the case is one of auto-suggestion.

The Church authorities, always extremely careful in such cases, do not encourage the people to speak of a "miracle."

The owner of the oak-tree, annoyed at the assembly of curious sight-seers, trampling over his fields and ruining the crops, sought to cut down the tree, but on climbing into the branches to attach a rope to the trunk, he fell to the ground and broke his arm, thereby only convincing the peasants more than ever of the sacred nature of the tree.

The phenomenon is to be further examined by a committee of scientists and psychologists.—United Press.

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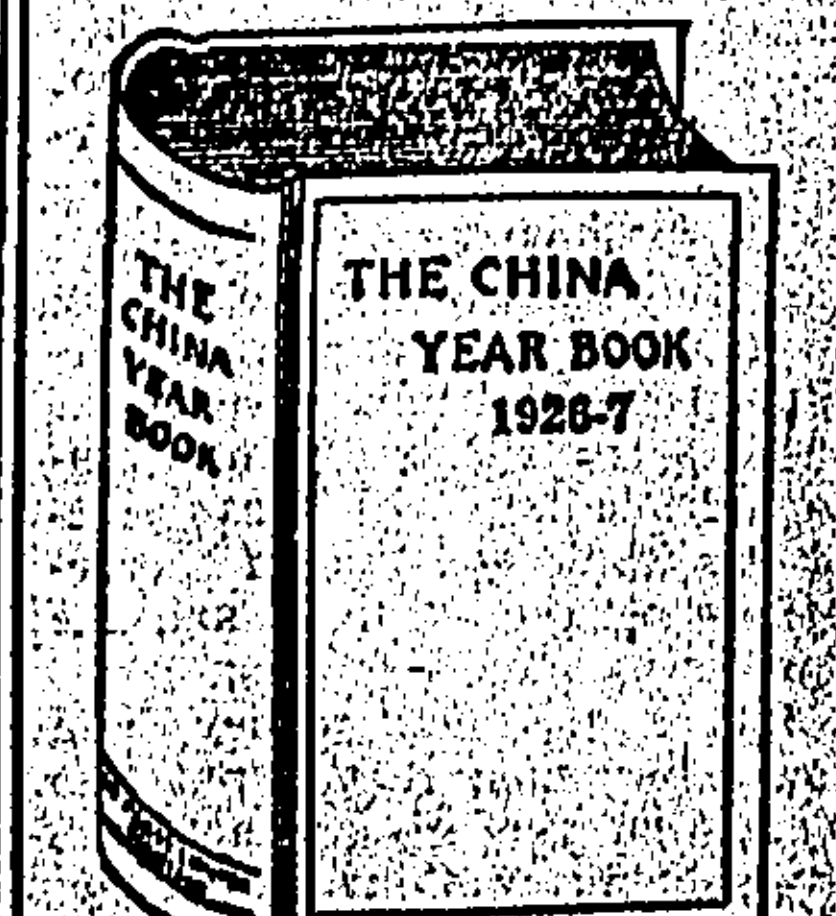
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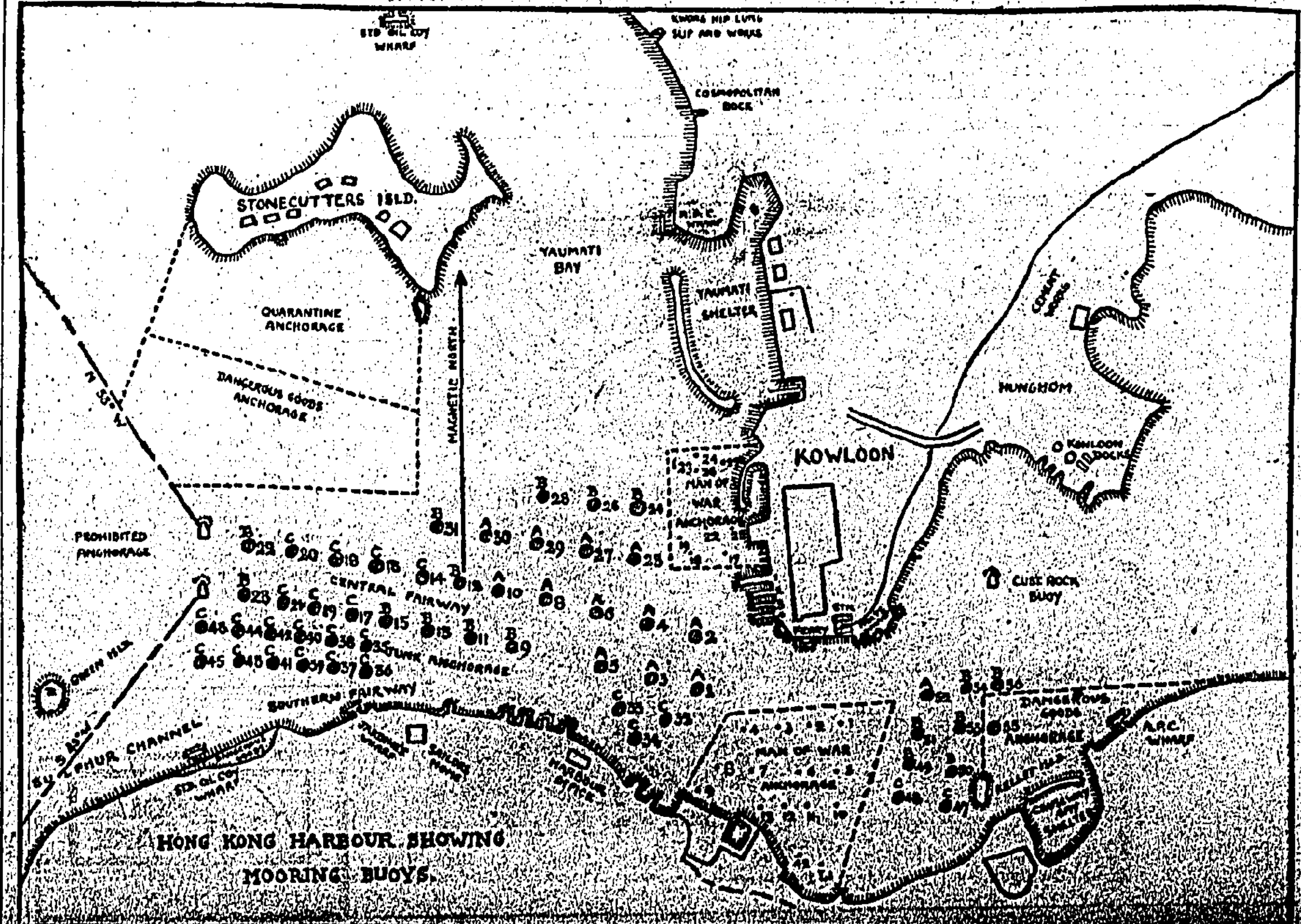
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

\$30,000 Belfast Blaze.

The whole strength of Belfast Fire Brigade was engaged for five hours with an outbreak in Smithfield Market, in the centre of the city. The fire originated in a dealer's stall full of gramophones and similar goods and spread with amazing rapidity. The damage is estimated at \$30,000.

Claire Windsor, the film star, has made an application for a divorce suit against her husband, Bert Lytell, also well known in the film world.

Mr. A. Page has been elected president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for the year 1927-28, and Captain J. M. Donaldson, M.C., vice-president.

Mrs. Rachel Beer, of Bishops Down, Tunbridge Wells, formerly proprietor of the "Observer" and at one time a well-known hostess, left unsettled property in her own disposition of the gross value of \$318,283 (net personality \$269,806), but no will.

"Nobody can expect to handle men properly unless he himself knows from A to Z what he is asking the men to do," said the Prince of Wales, inspecting the Eton O.T.C. "Whatever you may choose to do later on, I don't think you will ever regret having learned these lessons of the O.T.C., though I know quite well that it costs a good deal of sweat and labour to learn them."

Painting the Unseen.

Those astonishingly quick artists who draw your portrait for half-a-crown while you wait are now doing flourishing business at holiday resorts. They are remarkable fellows and generally give good value for the money and a tolerable likeness. Few of them, however, can approach in skill the Genoese painter Bacici, who lived in the seventeenth century, and had a very peculiar talent of producing the exact resemblance of deceased persons whom he had never seen. He first drew a face at random, and afterwards, altering it in every feature by the advice and under the inspection of such as had known the party, he imported it to a striking likeness.

Numbers of present-day houses were declared to be unsuitable by a resolution passed at the concluding session of the annual conference of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers in London. The opinion was also expressed in the resolution that the present housing position was unsatisfactory. "Many of the houses now being built are far from being, in the light of modern building development, proper houses for the people," it was contended.

Traced to Mice.

An outbreak of skin disease in Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, was traced to mice with which children had been playing, says Lambeth's Medical Officer.

The London County Council have refused an application for permission to practise the playing of bagpipes on Parliament Hill, Hampstead.

The Rev. Dr. Cadman, who is President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was born in England. He is said to preach to as many as 1,000,000 people, and has done valuable work in support of the efforts to promote international friendship through the Churches. He is famed as an orator, and many on this side of the Atlantic have heard by means of the wireless his discourses and the common-sense answers he has given to the many and varied questions put to him at his meetings.

Bible Disappearing.

In the homes of the poor they used to find the Bible and the Pilgrim's Progress. There was more reading in those homes to-day, but the two books had very nearly disappeared from them. So said Lord Eustace Percy at the annual conference of the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland at Cambridge.

A gift of \$1,250 to the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, was intimated by ex-Provost John Robertson, C.B.E., the new president of the infirmary, in opening a garden fete in the grounds of the institution. The donor, Lady McGowan, wife of Sir Henry McGowan, has gifted the money to endow a bed in memory of her late father, Mr. William Young, motor and carriage hirer, Paisley. The fete, in conjunction with a flag day and fancy dress parade, raised \$668, an advance of \$7 on last year's total.

British Talent From Germany.

Thirteen years ago a little English girl accompanied by her parents left her home in Muswell Hill, London, on a visit to relations in Berlin. To-day that girl is one of the highest-paid artists on the great Ufa organisation, and apart from being one of the most successful and popular film stars on the Continent, has received countless tempting offers from the world's greatest film magnates. Her name is Lilian Harvey, and her first film, "Crazy Mazie," will be shown shortly in London. Lilian Harvey studied dancing under Mary Zimmermann, of the Berlin opera. When she was playing in a big Vienna revue an impresario saw her and promptly engaged her to play in films.

A Newspaper Deal.

The Daily Chronicle Investment Corporation, formed with a capital of \$3,050,000 to buy from Mr. Lloyd George the Ordinary shares of the company that owns the "Daily Chronicle," the "Sunday News," and certain provincial newspapers, is paying him \$1,750,000 in cash and \$1,150,000 in Ordinary shares.

Sunday photography on the beach is the latest prohibition by Barry District Council.

Mr. Stephen Tennant, the son of the late Lord Glenconner and Lady Grey, is sitting for his bust to Mr. Epstein.

A woman told the Old Street (London) magistrate that her husband had spent his week's holiday knocking her about.

Two girls have lost their lives at Arcachon, on the Bay of Biscay coast, by being knocked down by a French aeroplane from Paris, which made a forced landing on the sands. The pilot escaped uninjured.

New Railway Engine.

A new type of locomotive which has been built for the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company is at present undergoing trials. The engine, which is the first of 50 that are being constructed for the company by the North British Locomotive Company (Limited), Springburn, Glasgow, is 38ft. long, and the total length, with the tender, is 59ft. Fitted with a four-wheeled bogie and six-coupled wheels which measure 6ft. 9in. in diameter, the engine has three cylinders.

Edmonton's new sewage works (costing \$180,000) have been constructed by men recruited from the Labour Exchange. They consisted mainly of out-of-work city clerks, jewellers, bootmakers, and other classes of men who had never used a pick or shovel before in their lives. Many of them, it is stated, liked the work and were very sorry the job was finished.

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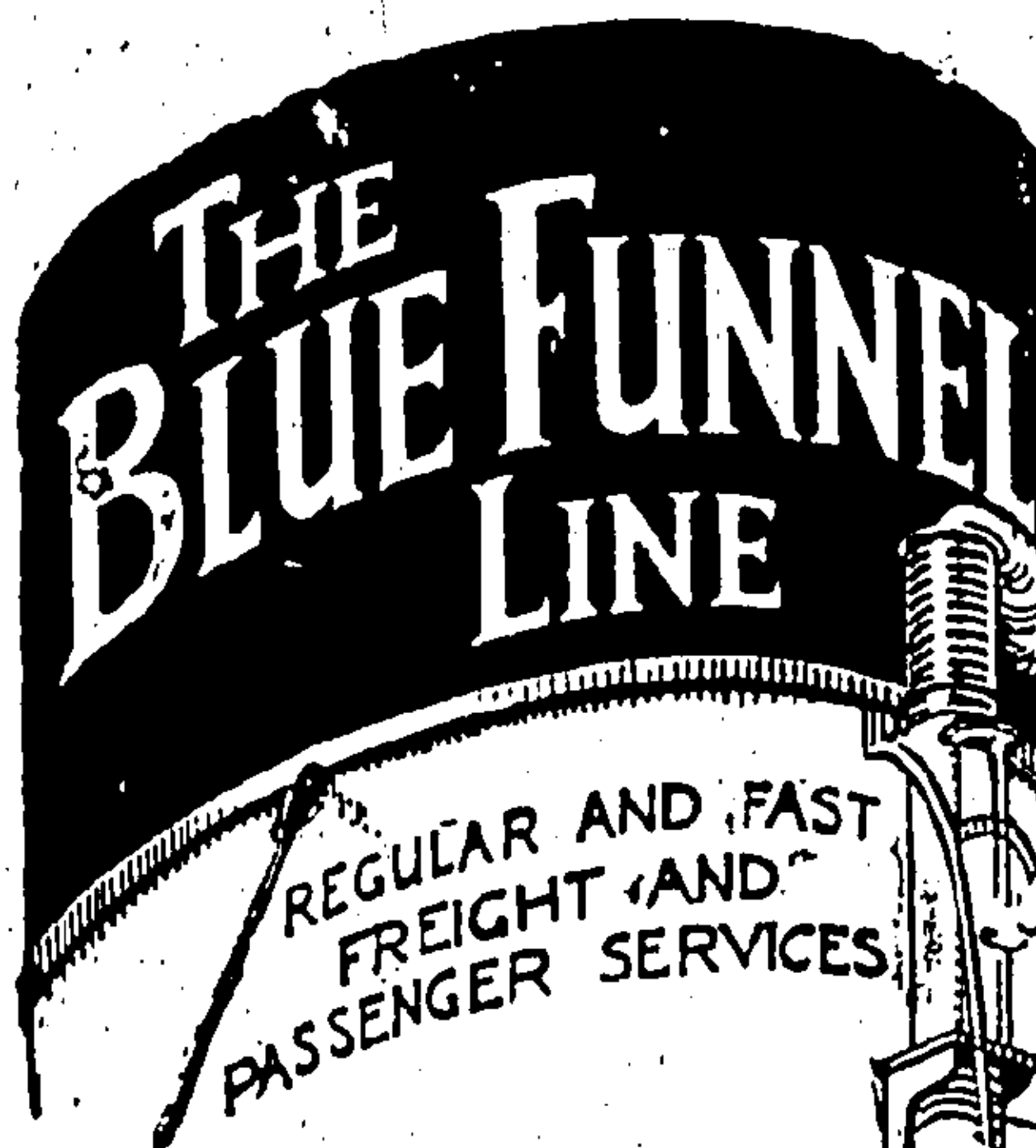
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RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

10,000 Workless Whites in Shanghai.

LEAGUE ASSISTANCE.

Scheme To Transport Them To South America.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Fifth League of Nations Committee dealt with the position of Russian refugees whose members were further swollen by 10,000 unemployed white Russians in Shanghai and 4,000 in Turkey whose expulsion was threatened by recent legislation in Ankara but provisionally suspended owing to League intervention.

Germany promised 200,000 marks and France also promised to contribute to a scheme to enable the transport of these refugees to South America, where, it is believed, there is a good opening. Funds are still needed.—Reuter.

HOSPITAL CONCERT.

HAPPY AFFAIR AT KING'S COLLEGE.

PATIENTS ENTERTAINED.

Thanks to a number of local civilian and Service artists an enjoyable concert was staged yesterday evening in the King's College Hospital. The fine hall, said to have the best acoustics in the Colony, was a treat to be in. Every item was well applauded and encores freely given.

Miss Acheson opened the concert with a violin solo which was greatly appreciated. Towards the end of her encore, however, one of the strings of her instrument snapped so, in the second half, she sportingly gave a recitation instead of another violin solo. Mr. Horder was in good voice, and sang in both parts of the programme, his choruses being taken up with gusto by the patients, and Mr. G. W. C. Burnett gave some of his usual turns.

Service Numbers.

Mrs. D. E. Aubrey once more delighted her audience with well chosen pieces on the violin which were rendered in her easy style. The men thoroughly enjoyed the various selections. Mrs. Richard Sanger was to have contributed to the programme, but unfortunately was prevented from doing so. Her fine voice would have been a treat for the patients.

Sergt. Orton, got up as George Kobey, with a "scream. His turn with Guardsman Eccles was the hit of the evening. It is regrettable that he is leaving the Colony on Saturday owing to ill-health, as the organisers of these concerts would have liked to have seen more of him. Sergt. Hyson's singing was deservedly applauded.

The accompanists were Miss Austin and Mrs. C. P. S. James, the latter lady being responsible for the arrangement of the programme, the affair being suggested by the Rev. D. G. S. Updell, hon. chaplain of H.M.S. "Hawkins."

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

PURCHASES FOR RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

Alexandria, Yesterday. M. Meltz, the Russian cotton expert, has arrived here to examine Government stocks with a view to purchases by the Russian Government. He states that he will stay a long time purchasing for the needs of Russian mills about half-a-million kantars yearly.

The business will be financed by the Russian State Bank and conducted here by Mr. Wisnack, an American citizen.—Reuter.

ALLEGED SPIES.

APPLICATION FOR STAY OF EXECUTIONS.

Leningrad, Yesterday. The counsel for the defence in the spy case has applied to the Central Executive to stay the executions pending the submission of appeals for a pardon.—Reuter.

JOY RIDING.

Roller Driver Has A Change.

TAKES A LORRY.

P.W.D. Employee To Pay \$50 Fine.

A Chinese driver of a P.W.D. motor roller and a young fitter's apprentice, were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-sell at the Central Magistracy with driving a P.W.D. motor lorry in Victoria Road without authority yesterday morning.

Replying to the Magistrate Traffic Inspector Alexander said that the first defendant had a licence for driving a motor roller, but this was distinct from a lorry driver's licence. In any case, the defendant was not being charged with driving the lorry without a licence, but without authority.

Evidence for the prosecution was that the motor lorry was taken out to Victoria Road for the purpose of supplying petrol to the motor roller. After the petrol had been filled into the motor roller, the lorry driver left his vehicle to go up the hill. When he was a little way up he saw the first defendant in the act of climbing into the driver's seat, and called out to him warning him not to drive the lorry. First defendant gave an undertaking not to meddle with the lorry, and the driver proceeded up the hill.

Drove Off.

During the driver's absence, both defendants got into the lorry and drove off. They came to grief when turning a bend on the road. The lorry crashed into a bank and was damaged to the extent of \$35.

First defendant said that he only drove the lorry a little way because it was obstructing his motor roller. After he had got out, second defendant took the wheel and drove away. The witness ran after the lorry calling upon the boy to stop but the latter took no notice of him. The lorry eventually came to grief against the bank.

The boy's story was that the first defendant told him that he was tired of his job as a motor roller driver, and would rather drive a lorry, and announced his intention to take the lorry for a practice run. The witness got in with the first defendant and they drove as far as Sassoon Road and then returned. First accused then asked the witness to turn the lorry round to its original position, facing Hong Kong. It was while the witness was attempting to do this that the lorry ran into the bank.

Driver's Knowledge.

In his evidence, the lorry driver said that when he returned and found the lorry missing he walked down the road. About 15 yards from the bend he saw the two defendants walking up the road together. He asked where his lorry was, and they said that it was down the road "its steering gear was not working," the defendants informed witness. Turning the bend, the witness saw his lorry about 15 yards further down the road. Its front axle was bent.

His Worship remarked that he thought the lorry driver knew something more about the affair than he had stated in evidence, and Mr. E. P. Fletcher, mechanical engineer of the P.W.D. agreed. He said that he would dismiss the driver.

The Magistrate convicted both defendants. The man was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 or go to jail for four weeks, while the boy was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane.

FUN O' THE FAIR.

AMERICAN KANDY KIDS.

Those of us both young and old who have a sweet tooth will find plenty of scope for it at the Stall of the American Kandy Kids on October 1 at Lee Gardens. Dispensed by youth and beauty, all the latest "confections" of U.S.A. will be on scale, but not for long. The early purchaser will catch the confection. Orders will be booked in advance by Mrs. Meyer, 18 Peak Road.

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Madrid, Yesterday.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Dictatorship, King Alfonso, at San Sebastian, signed a decree convoking the National Assembly on October 10.

Dictator Primo de Rivera has returned to the capital to make the necessary arrangements for the new Assembly, whose life has been fixed at three years, which is the time Government thinks will be necessary to bring the political situation to normal.

The Bureau of the Assembly will consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents and three Secretaries, of which the Government will appoint the President, two Vice-Presidents and two Secretaries, the others being elected by the Assembly.

"Monarchy Ends."

According to a "Manchester Guardian" correspondent the King's signature to the decree brings the long struggle between the King and Primo de Rivera on the subject of the Assembly to a complete victory for the Dictator.

The leader of the Conservatives, Senor Sanchez Guerra, immediately left for France to issue a manifesto denouncing the Assembly as anti-legal and anti-constitutional, and the Labour leader, Senor Besteiro, declares that no Labourite will accept a seat in the Assembly.

The ex-Premier of the Liberals, Senor Romanones told a correspondent that the capitulation of the King to the Dictator ends constitutional monarchy in Spain.—Reuter.

Rivera's Message.

Primo de Rivera has issued a manifesto saying the country's problems are being solved in an atmosphere of public spirit, confidence and social discipline, concluding it was no longer the time to compromise with sick men or legislate for cases of disease, but for healthy elements in order to place the Spanish people on the right road by methods less absurd than those which endangered its life.—Reuter.

OPIUM GROWING.

PERSIA TO CULTIVATE OTHER PLANTS.

Geneva, Yesterday.

A committee of the League discussed the question of the limitation of opium cultivation and considered the report of the Commission sent to Persia and the decision of the Persian Government to give a three-year trial to a plan gradually to substitute other crops for the poppy.—Reuter.

Persian Plan.

Geneva, Yesterday. The report on synthetic morphine already being manufactured, mentioned by Mr. McCormack on behalf of Persia in explaining to the League Committee on social questions the Persian plan to reduce opium production, stressed the necessity for more stringent measures if drug maniacs in the western world were to be reached and observed that Persian sacrifices would be wasted unless supported by countries like the United States, France, Germany, Japan and Holland. It added that the Indian Government's decision to curtail opium exports by 10 per cent. aided Persia to reach a decision, although it actually stimulated the demand for Persian opium.—Reuter.

BALLOON RACING.

AMERICAN WINS BIG EVENT.

Washington, Yesterday.

An unofficial tabulation by the National Aeronautic Association indicates that the Gordon Bennett Balloon Race has been won by the American balloon "Detroit" with an estimated distance of 725 miles.

The "Detroit," which was piloted by William Hill, landed at Baxley, Georgia.—Reuter's American Service.

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